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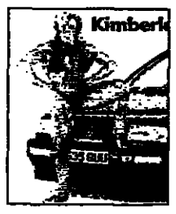
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Compromise on Sheehy reforms

Howard deal sweetens pill for the police

BY RICHARD FORD AND STEWART TENDLER

■ Police leaders welcomed the home secretary's compromise on key Sheehy recommendations but rank and file officers will remain uncertain on pay

TWO thousand senior police jobs are to go under compromise proposals for the most far-reaching shake-up of officers' pay and conditions in thirty years.

Michael Howard has retreated from some of the most controversial reforms recommended by Sir Patrick Sheehy, but he has accepted key principles designed to streamline forces and reward able officers.

Three senior ranks are to be abolished, a form of performance-related pay is to be introduced, and housing allowances are to go. The most senior officers will be given fixed-term contracts, but the home secretary has decided against imposing them on lower ranks. He has also decided not to cut constables' starting salaries. "Our objective must be to create the framework which will be as effective as possible in the fight against crime," Mr Howard told MPs. "To be effective, they must be properly led, managed and rewarded."

By watering down the Sheehy proposals, Mr Howard will hope to end hostilities with the force at a time when law and order is at the heart of the government's strategy. Last night the first indications were that he had succeeded, with police leaders hailing the ten-point package as a triumph for commonsense and a vindication of their four-month campaign against the most contentious of Sir Patrick's 272 recommendations.

In the Commons, Mr Howard said that change was necessary to make sure that Britain's police remained the best in the world: pay had been too dependent on length of service and bureaucracy and chains of command had increased, leaving too many officers behind desks instead of on the streets.

Although he decided not to adopt the Sheehy proposals for performance-related pay, the home secretary intends to introduce a simplified version of payment by appraisal and officers who perform badly could end up with a pay cut.

The housing allowance, worth an average of about £3,000, is to be abolished for new recruits and frozen for existing officers. But Mr Howard has rejected a suggestion that constables' starting salaries be cut by £2,000, saying that such a move would not help to recruit the older, more experienced and high calibre officers the service needed. Nor is he to make officers serve 40 years before receiving a full pension at 60. Other pay, pension and overtime details are to be decided by national reviews that must complete their work within five months.

Mr Howard is, however, to implement some of Sheehy's radical suggestions for cutting bureaucracy and middle management. The ranks of chief inspector, chief superintendent and deputy chief constable are to be abolished by April 1995. About 1,500 are expected to go through natural wastage, others will be promoted, demoted or made redundant.

Chief constables will be able to use the money saved on new technology, crime prevention or recruiting constables for frontline duties. If the abolition of the three ranks led to 2,000 middle management jobs going, the saving could put 3,000 more officers on the beat, Mr Howard said.

Last night Sir Patrick declined to comment on the announcement, but Mr Howard's carefully calculated package appeared to have won over most police leaders. Fred Broughton, vice-chairman of the Police Federation, said it was a triumph of commonsense and the federation's general secretary, Lynn Williams, added: "The home secretary has listened to the voice of the service."

Chief Sup Dave Golding of the Police Superintendent's Association said: "I am surprised that we managed to get the Home Office to see reason in as many areas." Senior officers were, however, disappointed that three ranks were to be scrapped.

In the Commons, the shadow home secretary, Tony Blair, accused Mr Howard of retreating and complained that the details were not clear, which he said would undermine police morale.

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Firestorms engulfing Laguna Beach, one of the worst-hit areas of California. About 500 homes have been destroyed and 30,000 people have had to flee

Smith gets conference poll boost

BY PETER RIDDELL

JOHN Smith has boosted his approval rating with the public following his victory in a key vote over relations with the trade unions at the Labour party conference last month.

He emerges as the main beneficiary of the autumn conference season. By contrast, John Major has not benefited from the Tory conference and his generally well received speech. His rating continues to bounce along just above the record low touched in July, while still only one in ten of the public are satisfied with the government's record.

Labour retains its large lead over the Tories at 45 against 29 per cent, with the Liberal Democrats on 23 per cent. The proportion of the public satisfied with the way Mr Smith is doing his job as Labour leader has risen from 34 to 41 per cent over the last month. This is the highest level since he was elected leader 15 months ago.

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Judge rules RSI 'has no place in medical books'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A JUDGE dashed compensation hopes for thousands of computer keyboard workers yesterday when he ruled that repetitive strain injury was "meaningless" and had "no place in the medical books".

Judge Prosser QC, sitting in the High Court, rejected a claim against Reuter News Agency by Rafiq Mughal, 44, a desk editor at the agency between September 1987 and December 1989. Mr Mughal, of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, developed painful joints and had been forced to give up work, but Judge Prosser said that use of the term RSI by doctors could "only serve to confuse".

Reuter had been a prudent and careful employer and Mr Mughal's painful condition was more likely to be a result of his lack of confidence as a sub-editor and his feelings of being watched and even victimised by colleagues. Mr Mughal, who was not in court to hear the verdict, took redundancy after developing "upper limb disorder". He had earlier rejected a £20,000 pre-trial offer by the news agency to settle his action.

Reaction to yesterday's verdict was sharp. Peter Wells, of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, a specialist in RSI, called the decision "nothing short of tragic". RSI, he said, had reached epidemic proportions. "To say this condition does not exist, when we — the medical people who treat it every day — have differentiating tests to show it does exist, is nothing short of tragic."

Judith Church, health and safety officer of Manufacturing Science Finance, the union for skilled and professional people, said: "This judge is talking nonsense. We have a significant number of members waiting for their claims to be heard. You cannot tell them what they are suffering does not exist."

In his judgment, Judge Prosser said that the term RSI had been used "almost glibly" by doctors in the documents and GP's notes on the case. Mr Mughal's only medical witness, Dr Richard Pearson, had been "hesitant and unsure of himself with almost every answer he gave. I regret to say he seems to have treated Mr Mughal as a guinea pig, not really knowing what he was suffering from and not knowing how best to deal with it." The judge added: "At the end of his evidence I was none the wiser as to what RSI was meant to be."

The judge accepted evidence from two experts called by Reuter that RSI was meaningless and had no place in the medical books because it had no pathology — no medically recognised symptoms that could be put down to a physical condition. He said:

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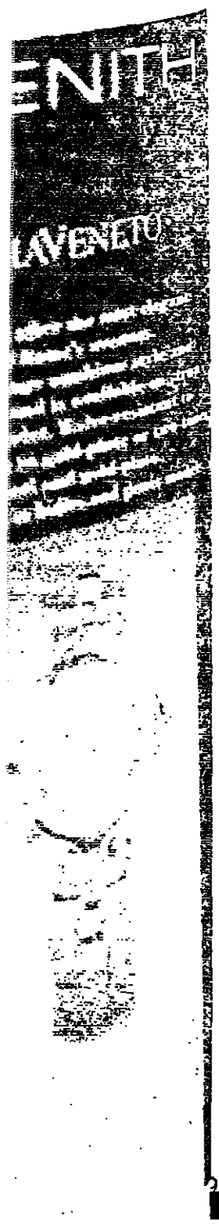
Mughal yesterday: he had to give up work

California firestorms raze caravans and mansions

UNCONTROLLABLE wildfires ravaged southern California for the second day yesterday, destroying everything in their path from the mobile homes of the poor to the ranches and mansions of millionaires (Martin Fletcher writes).

Dozens of homes worth $10 million or more were destroyed in the elite private enclave of Emerald Bay in the picturesque seaside town of Laguna Beach, 40 miles south of Los Angeles. Fire reportedly destroyed at least 15 homes on the hills overlooking Malibu, where Hollywood stars have their beach homes. About 150 homes were burned down in Altadena, a hillside suburb north east of Los Angeles. Among the exclusive properties threatened by as many as 16 different bushfires were those of Tom Selleck and Richard Widmark, the actors, and Buzz Aldrin, the first man on the moon. Roger Johnson, who heads President Clinton's General Services Administration, lost his home in Orange County.

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'Highway bribery' to keep drivers sober

BY RAYMOND MGADZAH

DUTCH drink-drive campaigners have hit upon a novel idea in the run up to the festive season — reward the innocent.

Under a scheme to be introduced this winter, drivers who pass the breathalyser test will be rewarded with 30 guilders, (just over £10). The idea, which is partly backed by Dutch soft drinks companies, is the brainchild of a road safety group named Veilig Verkeer Nederland. The size of the reward represents the annual per capita amount paid in soft drinks tax.

Dutch police are aware that the scheme could be open to abuse — with sober motorists driving repeatedly around the block in an attempt to collect the reward. Police will not be dishing out cash payments that might prompt a quick return to the pub to celebrate. Instead, motorists will be given a form which they will have to fill in to ensure that the money is deposited in a bank account.

"It sounds like highway bribery," said a spokesman for the Portman Group, a body set up four years ago by Britain's top alcoholic drinks companies to tackle drink-related issues such as pub violence and drink-driving. "I can't see it happening here."

The spokesman said the scheme was "extraordinary", adding: "It strikes me as being rather corrupt. I don't think people need to be bribed to do the right thing. That is not a very UK way of doing things."

Drivers would probably prefer to decide for themselves whether being rewarded for not drinking too much is morally dubious. But the British Soft Drinks Association, which represents non-alcohol and non-dairy drinks companies, does not seem set to follow the Dutch lead.

The association has not held a Christmas campaign for years, although a spokeswoman said that individual

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BR goes to back of bids queue

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

BRITISH Rail will be able to bid for private franchises only if there are no good competing tenders from commercial companies.

In a small concession to buy off any Conservative backbench rebels, an amendment to the railways bill will allow BR to apply where the franchising director is unsure about the quality of bids. However, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, announced last night that BR could not put in a tender when there was already a "credible" alternative bid.

Labour MPs and British Rail accused the government of creating a "sham" compromise but ministers were confident that it was sufficient to win the support of potential rebels.

Betrayal claim, page 2

UN loses heart over peace enforcement

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A DISPIRITED United Nations secretary-general has told a closed meeting of the UN Security Council that he does not believe the UN to be capable at present of peace enforcement operations.

Briefing the 15-nation security council on his return from a tour of Africa, Boutros Boutros Ghali said that his message to African leaders was that the role of the United Nations was to maintain, not to impose, peace. The troubled Somalia operation has become an acute source of embarrassment to the UN secretary-general.

"We are at a crossroads," says Kofi Annan, the head of UN peacekeeping. "The international community may not be ready to impose its will."

Dr Boutros Ghali emerged as a strong advocate of peace enforcement soon after taking office in January 1991. As well as calling for a UN reserve army as allowed for in the UN Charter, he proposed the creation of "peace enforcement units" under his control, an unprecedented idea that would have extended the secretary-general's powers far beyond those foreseen in the charter. He lobbied long and hard for international intervention in Somalia.

Although the security council plans to extend its mandate for two weeks, there is a growing belief that the Somalia operation will soon revert to a traditional peacekeeping mission.

The UN's apparent retreat in Somalia puts a question mark over UN policing of any settlement in Bosnia.

"The brutal fact of life is that there is no valiant light brigade or John Wayne figure galloping to the rescue in the last reel," said Cedric Thornberry, the organisation's top civilian official in the former Yugoslavia. "Maybe there will be no last reel."

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nisters fail o agree on £53bn cut-off for spending

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE TER three hours of debate has sterday, cabinet ministers iled to approve Kenneth for N larke's proposals to contain Cup spending below £253.6 billion. Ref A special cabinet meeting mc will be held next Tuesday to wi try to thrash out a deal, (F although most ministers expect that more meetings will be needed. Downing Street maintained that "substantial progress" had been made, although it is clear that several ministers are still fighting their corner.

The environment department yesterday emerged as one of those worst hit. John Gummer, the secretary of state, appears to have failed to protect his budget from real-term cuts. The £8 billion housing budget has been heavily hit, as has transitional relief for the council tax. The revenue support grant, which forms the bulk of the £38 billion environment budget, has also been squeezed.

Other spending ministers were reported to be concerned at the effects on their own departments. Cuts in housing and social services will put a heavier burden on health and social security. Reduced grants to the Housing Corporation will also penalise the construction industry.

Although defence was expected to dominate yesterday's agenda, that will now be discussed in more detail next Tuesday. Malcolm Rifkind has clawed back the more draconian cuts and has dropped his threat of a review.

The cabinet meeting, the longest in recent years, took place against serious threats of a revolt from senior backbenchers, who have warned that they are even prepared to force a general election if further substantial defence cuts are announced.

Several backbenchers have claimed that "national security should come before social security". The same backbenchers, however, expect Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, to come up with substantial compensation for pensioners hit by VAT on fuel.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, is believed to have secured a tiny real-term increase in her £30 billion budget in return for significant efficiency savings, while John MacGregor, the transport secretary, has reluctantly accepted big cuts to his multi-billion road programme.

Ministerial sources pointed out that swingeing real-term cuts were inevitable given that 60 per cent of the £253.6 billion budget would increase in real terms to cover existing commitments on social security, health and education.

Search for peace in streets stained with blood



Security remains tight on the streets of Belfast, where a soldier takes aim as his armoured vehicle passes an image of Mary and Jesus. Peace hopes, page 11

RSI does not exist, judge decides

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"It is an expression that can lead to all kinds of speculation, not only as to what a patient is really suffering from but also as to the cause of it, thereby creating further confusion, particularly among employers because of the uncertainty surrounding it and its apparent causation."

"There are so many diverse views about RSI that their very existence is a monument to doubt on the subject," the judge said. The end of Mr Mughal's employment with Reuter was based purely on his ability to do his job, he added. "Having seen some of his copy work, I am not surprised he was offered redundancy. Here were the seeds of unhappiness, perhaps even frustration, that led him along the rocky road he has trodden, ending in my judgment today that no injury was suffered in his employment."

The National Union of Journalists, which backed the damages claim, faces a bill for Reuter's legal costs. The union said an appeal was being considered and other RSI sufferers should not be disheartened. About 70 more NUJ members with similar claims had awaited the judgment, with thousands in other industries.

Among national newspapers, the worst affected has been the *Financial Times*. There about 15 members of staff have been medically retired. All have accepted payments without prejudice and nine are planning court actions against the paper in an attempt to secure additional payments. All the cases arose soon after the introduction of computer technology; since then, strenuous efforts have been made to improve working conditions to prevent a recurrence.

Other courts in Britain have recognised the condition. Ten days ago a worker who developed RSI making Toshiba cassettes was awarded £20,000 in the High Court.

☐ Earlier this year Judge Prosser, 60, caused controversy when he ordered a 16-year-old boy found guilty of rape to pay his schoolgirl victim £500 for "a good holiday" so that she could get over the ordeal. The Court of Appeal increased the sentence to two years in a detention centre.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Mutt and Jeff take police for a ride

So now we know. To put the frighteners on the police, the previous and present home secretaries have formed the classic two-man team: Mutt & Jeff; hard man, soft man.

The technique is not new, certainly not to the police. To crack a tough nut you first send into the cell a complete animal.

He terrorises the prisoner, kicking, lunging, yelling sadistic menaces, until — just when the prisoner despairs of seeing another dawn — the cell door opens and, with a cry of "Stop!", a courteous and softly-spoken officer enters. He calls off his brutish comrade; orders him from the room.

"I do apologise for the behaviour of my colleague," he says. "Here, take a seat. Relax. A cigarette? Brandy?"

His mate has a nasty temper, he says; he nearly murdered somebody recently and has committed a string of assaults. There are others in this establishment, too, who would like the prisoner's scalp.

But he, Jeff, is more reasonable. "*I'm* on your side." He will try to protect the prisoner; but if Jeff is to keep fellow-officers on a leash, the prisoner will have to be slightly — just slightly — more co-operative.

Pathetically grateful to the man he now sees as his friend, the prisoner talks.

As home secretary, Ken Clarke made a classic Mutt. Nobody better plays the 14-stone bruiser. Collar awry and shirt untucked, reported to have done unspeakable things to nurses, doctors, ambulancemen and teachers, he got stuck straight into the police.

There were threats about pay, overtime, and job-security. When the police requested better protective gear, he binned the request.

Worst of all, he set his rottweiler, Sheehy, on them. By the time Clarke was called off and sent to the Treasury, morale had crumbled and the police were near despair.

Yesterday afternoon the cell door opened and in walked Michael Howard, the new home secretary. Slight, dapper and gentlemanly, the smooth-tongued barrister waved his hand, and the Sheehy nightmare fled. Without mentioning Mutt by name, he implied that Clarke's approach had been out of order.

Already he has agreed to the new protective gear. Now, he told them, he would shield them from such atrocities as fixed-term contracts, crude attempts to relate pay to performance, lower starting-salaries ...

"Hear, hear!" You could sense the relief of the huge police lobby on the Tory benches. Michael Shersby MP, parliamentary spokesman for the police federation, reacted with delight. The new home secretary was on their side. Howard was at his most eloquent: cool, reasonable, civilised and totally in command.

"We have listened carefully to what the police service had to say ... The front line ... unique and vital importance to us all ... fight against crime ... lethal dangers ... tragic deaths ..."

There were to be more officers on the beat. Nobody's pay would be cut. No requirement of long service for a full pension. No threat to the housing allowances of serving officers. You could almost smell the cigar smoke. "Cognac? Draw up a chair."

But, implied Mr Howard, there were a couple — just a couple — of modest little ways the police could help *him*. After all, Mutt was still around, living next door in the Treasury. So we'd have to look carefully at pay *increases*. Some of the less *junior* ranks might benefit from fixed-term contracts. Perhaps a less *crude* way of relating pay to performance might be found. And for *new* officers, housing benefits would stop.

There was more of this but not everybody stayed to hear. We were off to file our reports: "Police victory".

Howard's reforms, page 1

Frustrated BR staff accuse MacGregor of betrayal

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR British Rail employees said last night they felt "betrayed and abandoned" by John MacGregor, the transport secretary. Confronted by what they regarded as a confidence trick they accused the chief architect of the rail privatisation process of abusing the democratic process.

They claimed that in order to defuse a potential Tory rebellion, Mr MacGregor had delayed his response to the controversial Lords amendment "until the fifty-ninth minute of the eleventh hour". One InterCity manager said morale throughout the entire organisation was at rock bottom. "MacGregor knew that given a level playing field we would have won most of the franchises.

"But that would have undermined the entire dogma-driven process so he did not dare do that."

Another senior employee, who works for Network SouthEast, said that throughout the entire workforce at every level there was a growing disenchantment with the whole process being carried on in Parliament. He added they did not know whether they were to be allowed to be serious players in the industry or merely a rump running decaying lines with crumbling infrastructures which no private operator wanted.

The sources said they found it incredible that with the bill almost passing into law, "gaping holes" had still to be addressed. It had not even been decided how much potential franchise bidders would be expected to pay for using the track.

Although some executives have expressed an interest in forming management buy-out teams, they are said to prefer being allowed to bid under the BR banner.

According to an internal document disclosed earlier this year by *The Times*, the InterCity West Coast line from London to Glasgow, which receives no subsidy, could be forced to close without huge amounts of money being spent on it.

☐ After months of uncertainty and squabbling between banks, the government will today announce that construction work can begin on the Jubilee Line extension to the London Underground network, seen as vital to Docklands.

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RSI dates back to 1818 diagnosis

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

THERE is nothing new about the concept of repetitive strain injury (RSI). RSI related to traumatic tenosynovitis was first described by a Frenchman, Dr Velpau, in 1818, and he and all the doctors who have been diagnosing traumatic tenosynovitis since would be surprised to hear the outright rejection by Judge Prosser of a repetitive strain injury.

In traumatic tenosynovitis, repetitive movements result in the inflammation around tendons and their sheaths. Similar signs and symptoms can also affect the soft tissue in the upper arm, or near the Achilles tendon, even though there is no tendon sheath in either.

When the judge rejects RSI as a diagnosis, he must be referring to the popular rather than the medical use of the word. The diagnosis has recently become a popular one with some lay people who use it to explain a wide variety of symptoms, both physical and mental, which they have ascribed to their work.

Doctors at a loss to explain their patients' problems have occasionally been prepared to acquiesce to the sufferer's diagnosis. Further confusion, as the judge implies, has been added by lay writers.

True traumatic tenosynovitis is caused by oft-repeated stereotyped movements, usually of the upper limbs and particularly when finger and thumb movements are combined with wrist action.

Dr Blood, medical adviser to Lyons, first reported traumatic tenosynovitis among typists in 1942. The modern computer, with its rapid action, needing of necessity a different wrist movement, is undoubtedly more likely to induce tenosynovitis than the old-fashioned typewriter. Computer operators can reduce the risk if their chairs, and computer screens, are carefully positioned so as to reduce tension, and if they rest for several minutes from time to time.

Traumatic tenosynovitis exists, and can be due to repetitive strain injury. But the term RSI has become debased and many who claim to have it are in fact, as the judge says, suffering from very different problems.

'Bribes' offered to keep drivers sober

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members have undertaken initiatives. A close eye will kept on the Dutch initiative.

Superintendent Peter Williams of Dorset police favoured improving road safety by deterring potential offenders, rather than rewarding the sensible ones. "I can see a big danger in terms of abuse of the scheme — people following police cars hoping to be breathalysed," he said.

Andrew Howard, head of road safety at the Automobile Association, was also unimpressed. "The British drink-drive problem is dominated by someone who has about six or seven pints and doesn't give a fig for the law, not someone who has had one or two pints," he said.

Mr Howard's verdict on the Dutch reward scheme was lukewarm. "It is not tackling our biggest problem, which is that of persistent offenders," he said.

British drivers looking for some return for abstinence over the festive period must make do with a Beefeaters pub and restaurant driver scheme which will be launched shortly for the second year running.

The scheme offers up to three free soft drinks to the member of a group of patrons who is staying sober for the evening in order to drive the others home.

But there is cash to be won in a schools competition sponsored by the Portman Group to raise awareness of alcohol-related problems.

Seven winners, to be announced next month, are to get £100 each while their schools will be given £400 each.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Women's ordination clears legal hurdle

The legal challenge to the ordination of women priests was dismissed yesterday after a two-day judicial review in the High Court. Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Tuckey upheld the right of the General Synod to legislate on "matters concerning the Church of England".

The Church Society was seeking to quash the decision in July by Parliament's ecclesiastical committee. But the judges, on the eve of today's debate in the Commons, held that Parliament's right of veto was sufficient.

Belfast soldier charged

Andrew Brian Clarke, 26, of Merseyside, a trooper in the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, was charged in Belfast with attempting to murder Eddie Copeland, a mourner, outside the home of Thomas Begley, the IRA man who died while planting the Shankill Road bomb. He was remanded into military custody on bail of £2,000 until January 19.

By horsebox to hospital

An elderly polio victim was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, by horsebox after her ambulance was cancelled for the third time. Florence Mould, 83, who was unable to travel by car, had to travel the four-hour round trip on a carpet of straw. Hertfordshire Ambulance Service said a lack of resources had forced it to cancel.

Teenage killer gets life

A teenage thief who killed a man while high on lighter fuel grinned and whistled yesterday when he was jailed for life. Jamie Frater, 19, stabbed Geoffrey du Rose, 45, because he tried to stop him fleeing from a shop in Bournemouth, Dorset, where he had been stealing. Frater denied murder, claiming solvent abuse had impaired his mind.

Parents prosecuted

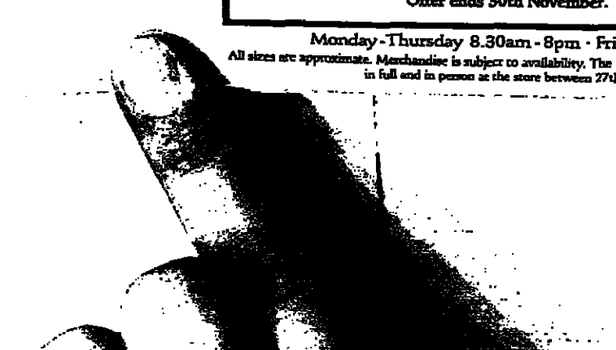
A couple are being prosecuted by Suffolk education authority for refusing to send their 16-year-old foster daughter, who has Down's syndrome, to a special school 30 miles from home. Bob and Madge Gibbs of Mendham arranged home tuition in protest at the authority's decision not to let her attend a local mainstream school.

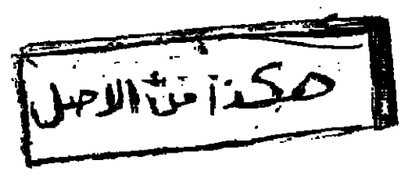
VAT 'will close papers'

Over 240 regional and local newspapers would be forced to close, with 2,500 job losses, if the Chancellor imposed VAT on the press in next month's Budget, the Newspaper Society said. The tax at 17.5 per cent would push down circulations by a million, the society claimed, cutting by a third the revenue forecast by the Treasury.

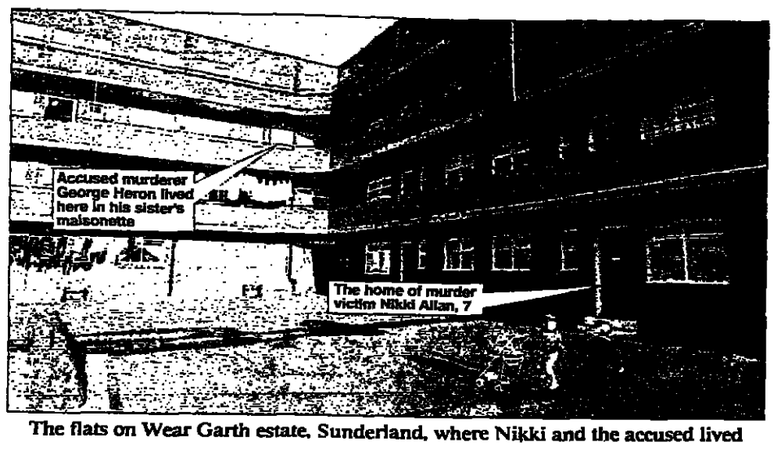
Surgery for Winner

The film director Michael Winner is to have a second heart operation next month. Mr Winner, 57, whose latest film, *Dirty Weekend*, goes on release today, also confirmed that his six-year relationship with the actress Jenny Seagrove had ended and that he had resumed his relationship with Catherine Nielsen, also an actress.





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The flats on Wear Garth estate, Sunderland, where Nikki and the accused lived

Neighbour 'stabbed naive and trusting little girl 37 times'

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A YOUNG girl skipped to her death behind her killer in the belief that he was her friend, a court was told yesterday. Only in the moments before her murder did Nikki Allan, 7, realise things were not right, but it was too late to prevent her being bludgeoned with a brick and then stabbed 37 times.

Leeds Crown Court was told that George Heron, 24, killed Nikki on the night of October 7 last year, leaving her body in the derelict warehouse in Sunderland where the murder took place.

Aidan Marron QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Heron had taken an "unusual interest" in the girl during the three months since he had moved into his sister's maisonette on the Wear Garth estate in Sunderland, where the child also lived with her mother and three sisters.

Yet when police carried out house-to-house enquiries after her body was found, Mr Heron denied knowing her. Later he admitted liking Nikki, who had come to the maisonette to play with his three-year-old nephew. "She reminds me of me as I used to be," he told detectives.

Mr Marron said that an eye witness who was probably the last person to see the girl alive had seen her "skipping and walking along" near the warehouse two or three yards behind a man whose description was similar to Mr Heron's. "It is inconceivable that this could have been a stranger. It could only have been a man in which she had a naive and childish trust."

Mr Heron denies murder. As the case against him was outlined, Mr Heron began to cry. He frequently clasped a *New Testament*.

Mr Marron said many people had reported seeing the girl playing in the courtyard of the block where she lived. At least five witnesses said they had seen Mr Heron in or near a pub on the estate where Nikki had been seen asking for pennies for the guy.

Mr Heron's sister, Michelle, would tell how he had gone out to buy her cigarettes. He was known to wash or change his clothes rarely, yet when he returned soon after 10pm on that night he went into the bathroom and spent up to half an hour cleaning himself and putting on fresh clothes.

Mr Marron claimed Mr Heron had used two packets of cheese crisps which the girl was known to like to lure her away. It was only when they entered the derelict building that "her co-operation and voluntary approach ceased" and she became frightened.

"The girl began to scream and that screaming had to be silenced. He picked up a brick and hit her a solid, heavy blow on the head."

The jury was told she had fallen to the ground, striking her head on the wall and that Mr Heron hit her again with the brick as she lay on the floor. Mr Marron said: "He then produced a knife, lifted her T-shirt and carried out a frenzied attack, inflicting a total of 37 wounds to her chest."

Mr Marron said five knives had been recovered from Mr Heron's home, one of which matched the wounds in the girl's body.

The case continues today.



Nikki Allan, 7, skipped along behind her killer, alleged to be her neighbour

Insulin ban parents killed their daughter

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A COUPLE who refused to allow their diabetic daughter to receive modern medicine because of their religious beliefs were convicted of her manslaughter yesterday.

Nottingham Crown Court was told that nine-year-old Nahkira Harris wasted away before the eyes of her Rastafarian parents. She went into a diabetic coma and died because Dwight Harris, 32, and Beverley, 33, refused to allow her to be injected with insulin.

The couple, from Radford, Nottingham, were convicted by a 10-2 majority.

Mr Justice Tucker, postponing sentencing until next Friday for probation reports, said: "This is a case of great sensitivity and importance.

"Do not suppose that I am going to place either of you on probation. Your hopes are not to be raised. You are to hold out no hopes for the future."

During the trial, Peter Joyce QC, for the prosecution, said the Harrises were told by doctors at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, that insulin was the only way to save their daughter, but they took her away and did not return for six weeks, when she was in a coma.

Mr Harris wanted to know from staff if insulin came from animals and said he was not allowed to eat pork and beef. He told nurses that he wanted to take his daughter to Africa to see a faith healer.

The couple, who have four other children, did not give evidence in court. But Nicholas Price QC, for Harris, accused a homoeopathic doctor of gross negligence and said he could have saved the girl's life.

He said the couple took their daughter to see Dr Christopher Hammond at his surgery in Southwell. Dr Hammond spent 1½ hours with the parents before sending them to the Queen's Medical Centre, where their daughter died six hours later.

Mr Price said Dr Hammond failed to act properly.

Colin Hart-Leverton QC, for Nahkira's mother, said: "There is no evidence that they thought they were doing the slightest harm to their daughter or did it on purpose to harm her."

Gowrie resigns as chairman of Sotheby's

BY ALISON ROBERTS AND SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

LORD Gowrie, chairman of this year's Booker prize judges, has resigned from his £150,000-plus post as chairman of Sotheby's Europe. His new job remained a mystery yesterday, although he admitted he was "one of the people being considered" for the chairmanship of the Arts Council, a high-profile post which falls vacant next year.

Lord Gowrie, 53, has also signalled his intention to make more regular contributions to the House of Lords on the subjects of arts and Ireland. He will remain a member of Sotheby's board. He will be replaced by Simon de Pury, the deputy chairman. In another move, Henry Wyndham, an art dealer and former Christie's director, will be the new chairman of Sotheby's UK.

Lord Gowrie's departure comes as no surprise to the art world: his reluctance to take orders from Alfred Taubman, the American owner of the auction house and a Detroit hypermarket-developer, was well known.

When Lord Gowrie was mooted earlier this year as a favourite candidate for the chairmanship of the Arts Council, it was felt unlikely he would take the job while it remained unpaid.

When he left his post as arts minister in 1985, he remarked that it was impossible to live in London on £33,000 a year. His salary at Sotheby's is estimated to be between £150,000 and £200,000 a year.



Gowrie: friction with the American owner

Peer's friend in bribery trial

AN ASSOCIATE of the Marquess of Bristol tried to bribe a witness in a drug trial to keep his old friend and employer out of jail, a court was told yesterday.

Nicholas Ashley, 44, offered £10,000 to Bruce Smith, a restorer of vintage cars, to "fudge" his evidence against Lord Bristol, 38, Bury St Edmunds Crown Court was told. The peer was facing charges of supplying cocaine and heroin.

However, Ashley, estate manager at Lord Bristol's Ickworth Park mansion in Suffolk, was acting out of a totally misguided sense of loyalty, said Anthony Wicklen, for the defence.

"He was convinced there was no truth in the evidence that Lord Bristol had supplied drugs and that it was a vindictive move to get him to abandon civil proceedings against Smith.

"He was sure Smith was going to give untruthful evidence and didn't want Lord Bristol to go to prison. He acted improperly, but from high and not base motives."

Shane Colleary, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr Smith and Lord Bristol had set up a company to restore old cars and open a motor museum at Lord Bristol's home, but the project ran into difficulties and Lord Bristol launched a £134,000 civil action against his partner. Mr Colleary said Mr Smith, 46, subsequently went to the police, claiming that Lord Bristol had been supplying cocaine and heroin to his friends.

Police raided the peer's home and he was charged with possession and supply. He admitted possession in court but was cleared of supplying drugs. The bribery attempt, Mr Colleary said, happened in March last year.

Ashley, of west London, who has known Lord Bristol for about 20 years, was said to have acted without the peer's knowledge. He admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice and was remanded on conditional bail for sentencing on December 10.

Council holiday fails to stop boy offending

A BOY who recently came back from a £20,000 local authority-financed trip to Portugal has admitted committing several new offences since his return.

The holiday, paid for by Shropshire County Council, had been intended to reform his behaviour by taking him out of the environment in which he offended.

The 15-year-old, from Telford, Shropshire, had been placed at the controversial Bryn Melyn community home near Bala, Gwynedd. The decision to send him on the 11-week overseas visit, accompanied by a social worker, angered MPs, councillors and the boy's mother, who condemned it as "a complete waste of time".

This week the boy admitted breaking into homes in Telford and stealing property and cash to a total value of £675 since his return. He also admitted charges of going equipped for theft and interfering with a car with intent to commit an offence. He was remanded in custody at Telford youth court for two weeks.

The boy had been found living with his father in Telford, having absconded from Bryn Melyn soon after returning from Portugal.

Mike Sherwood-Smith, for the defence, said the boy had now promised to stop offending and to change his behaviour. "His father is very disappointed with the way things have worked out, but he is not prepared to give up on his son," he said.

Witness says wife dreamt of insurance

BY A STAFF REPORTER

SANDRA Wignall spent the money from her husband's life insurance "in her head" within weeks of allegedly luring him to his death, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

William Cook, a neighbour, said: "She was always on about it. She had already spent it in her head. She was buying a horse. She was going to Tenerife for Christmas. She said she would lend my wife and I £1,000. She said he was insured for £21,000. She had tried to get him insured for £51,000," Mr Cook, a taxi driver, told the court.

Mr Cook said Mrs Wignall talked to his wife and him about her sex life. "We found that quite strange as we were really complete strangers. She told us things she used to do with her husband Bob and that he was not that capable of doing it."

The prosecution has alleged that Mrs Wignall renewed an affair with her lover Terence Bewley nine days after her marriage to Bob Wignall in 1991. Nine months after her wedding she was said to have taken her husband into woods near their home in Addlestone, Surrey, on the pretext of feeding foxes.

The prosecution says he was battered and stabbed to death there by Mr Bewley and his friend Harold Moult. The alleged twin motives for the murder had been "lust and greed".

Wignall stood to gain from her husband's life insurance policy and Mr Bewley was heavily in debt, the court has been told.

Mrs Wignall, 48, Mr Bewley, 43, of Ruislip, west London, and Mr Moult, 42, of Ladywood, Birmingham, all deny murder last September.

Janet Wise, a barmaid who worked with Mrs Wignall at a public house in Virginia Water, told the court Mrs Wignall was obsessed with Bewley. "Her whole conversation and life revolved round him. At one time, she counted the hours she had seen him in a year and said it was only 24 altogether."

The trial continues today.

Rape case student claimed he avoided sex

A MAN accused of raping a fellow student denied that he had sex with her and said he had gone out of his way to avoid doing so.

Matthew Kydd, 21, is alleged to have raped the 18-year-old and then forced her to commit a series of other sexual acts in his room at Norwich City College.

The jury at Norwich Crown Court yesterday heard a statement that Mr Kydd gave to the police soon after his arrest. "I did not have sex with her. At no stage did I have sex with her. I went out of my way not to," he said.

Mr Kydd, from Read, Lancashire, told police that he avoided having sex with the girl because of her "terrible smell". He said they had gone back to his room, undressed and kissed passionately.

"She smelt like she had not had a shower for a long time," he said. He asked her if she had ever had sex with a black man, explaining that he was concerned about contracting the Aids virus.

Mr Kydd said in his statement: "She said yes, she had, and that did it for me. I did not want to know after that. I asked her if she had had an Aids test and she said yes."

Mr Kydd told police that he had wanted her to leave his room, but did not want her to be upset. They kissed and cuddled again before she dressed and left, leaving the door of his room wide open.

Mr Kydd, who is taking an HND computer course at the college, said that they then bumped into each other a day or two later and simply "smiled and acknowledged each other".

The case continues.

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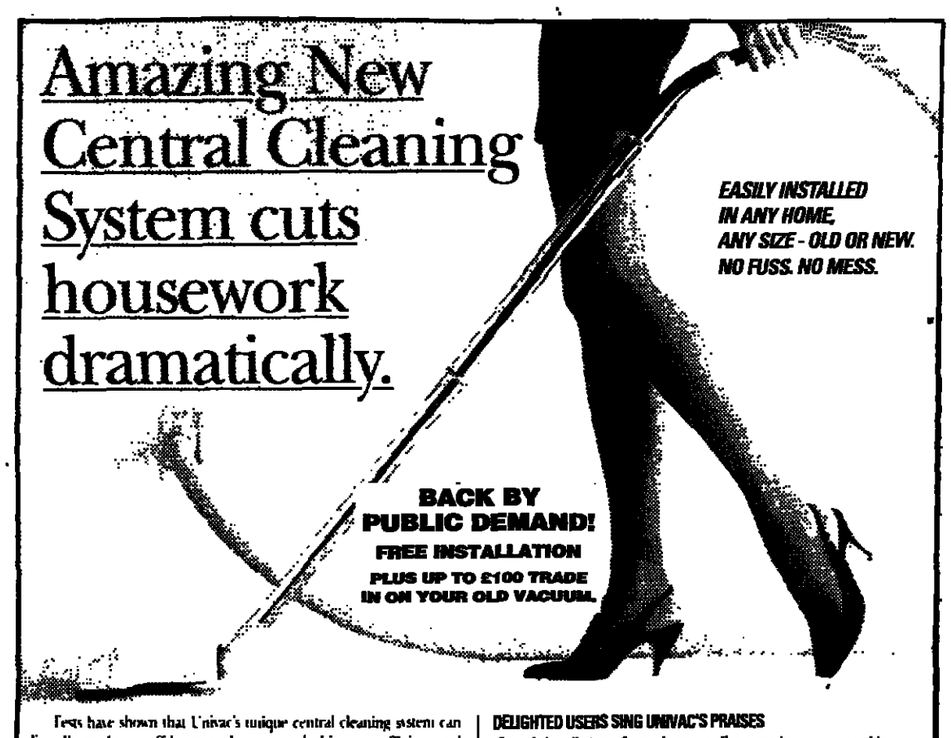
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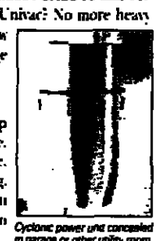
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Singer denies he broke promises to get his own way

BY ANDREW PIERCE

■ George Michael took to the stage in the High Court for a performance which promises days of compulsive viewing

ROCK star George Michael, taking the witness stand in the High Court yesterday in his fight to free himself from a recording contract with Sony, admitted his relationships with record companies had been marked by continual requests for more money.

But the singer, who was cheered by fans when he arrived at the court, denied that his requests had been "reasonably successful". He also rejected an assertion that they had been marked by broken promises on his part and threats to break them if he did not get his own way.

Michael, 30, also admitted that he had used an actor as a "body double" during filming of the video for his hit single *I Want Your Sex*. The video was banned by the BBC. Michael said an actor had stood in for him because his own body was "nowhere near" as good. "He was rather larger than me and there was no hair on his chest."

The star denied the suggestion by Gordon Pollock QC, counsel for Sony, that his motive in taking action against Sony was to get more money or get his own way. However, Michael did agree that he had effectively blackmailed his first recording company, the CBS affiliate Inner Vision, after his first hit single, Young Guns, with the pop group Wham!. The group refused to deliver its first album unless its contract was renegotiated. "So this is the first example of you breaking your promise to get what you want?" Mr Pollock asked. "Yes," Michael said.

The singer, appearing under his real name George Panayiotou, has embarked on what is expected to be a long and expensive divorce from his record company over a contract which has a further 15 years to run and which he says is a restraint to trade.

Relations between the singer and Sony deteriorated soon after the corporation took over CBS in 1988. When the CBS contract was renegotiated, the singer had been assured by Walter Yetnikoff, then in charge of CBS's worldwide music operations, that he could expect a deal equivalent to that of Bruce Springsteen or Billy Joel.

But when he made his pitch he was not surprised to be told he was asking for too much too soon. "You were asking for the world, weren't you?", Mr Pollock said. The singer replied: "Absolutely. I would presume we were doing what was commonplace. You ask for too much and you'll get something lower but better than what you had. It's all a matter of degree." When negotiations were resumed following the success of his album, *Faith*, he was told it was "take it or leave it" time.

Michael admitted, under questioning from his counsel, Mark Cran QC, that he was motivated by royalties but only because a company would work harder to exploit an artist's work if their share of the profit was reduced.

When asked by Mr Pollock to "give us some idea of what you're worth", Michael said: "I have more money than I know what to do with," before writing down a figure on paper. Press estimates, he said, were alarming.

He accepted that he had been given full control over his stage image. "They didn't tell you, for instance, whether to shave or not?" asked Mr Pollock. The singer smiled, and agreed.

The hearing continues.

TONY WHITE



George Michael leaves the High Court after giving evidence in his battle with Sony

No takers at £120,000 to head roads plan

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE salary on offer to the executive charged with delivering a "cost-effective" road programme for Britain has risen by £30,000 in six weeks.

The 33 per cent pay rise has been ordered by transport department officials as the cabinet discusses cutting public expenditure. The extra money has been offered by the department because it cannot find anyone to take on the task of giving Britain better roads.

At one time, the £75,000 basic salary offered last month for the chief executive of a new executive agency would have attracted a host of high-flying applicants. But, with the City buzzing with news of an Iranian bond dealer who reputedly earned more than £9 million last year, the proposed salary has proved inadequate.

Yesterday, the transport department re-advertised the post through Recruitment & Assessment Services, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, at "up to £120,000 including performance-related pay". But last night a senior City source said that the salary on offer was still "lamentable". He said people with equivalent responsibilities in the private sector would attract a package worth at least £250,000.

The successful candidate is expected to deliver the government's new road programme on time and budget.

Keep up defences, says Thatcher

BY PAUL WILKINSON

BARONESS Thatcher has joined the debate over threatened cuts in the armed forces with a plea for the country to keep its defences up.

In an oblique reference to the possibility of defence cuts of up to £1 billion, she said: "Don't let your guard down too soon, there are too many tyrants still in the world. If we value our liberty we must keep our defences strong."

Lady Thatcher was speaking in Leeds at a forum organised by *The Times* and Dillons the booksellers to promote *The Downing Street Years*. The former prime minister said that though the cold war was over, there were still many flashpoints around the world.

Citing the Falklands and the Gulf war, she told an invited audience of 900 that one of the achievements of her 12 years in power had been maintaining strong defences.

Lady Thatcher believed that the West should intervene militarily in the former Yugoslavia, and she advocated the use of smart weapons and laser-guided missiles to attack military installations with pinpoint accuracy.

Cocaine seizures increase by 20%

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE number of cocaine and crack seizures increased by 20 per cent last year, according to figures released yesterday by the Home Office and the National Criminal Intelligence Service.

Of the 2,400 seizures, 880 involved crack, the drug's derivative, compared with 580 in 1991. Some 2.2 tonnes of cocaine were recovered, nearly twice as much as in 1991, due to two large discoveries by Customs and Excise: 900 kilos hidden in lead ingots and 800 in a supply vessel in the Thames.

The NCIS warns of a growing number of juvenile crack addicts and of widespread abuse among prostitutes. It says the trade is largely under Jamaican control and originated in the Midlands and London.

The total number of seizures of all drugs last year rose by 3 per cent to 72,000, the smallest increase for more than a decade, according to the Home Office. Possession of cannabis was by far the most common offence, accounting for almost 90 per cent of 48,900 convictions.

About 3,400 offenders, 7 per cent of the total, were given immediate jail sentences. However, there was a move towards cautioning instead of prosecution.

Heroin seizures were up 10 per cent to around 3,000. LSD seizures increased by half to 2,500, with the number of doses recovered totalling more than 540,000, compared with 170,000 in 1991. LSD was found by every police force.

Seizures of Ecstasy rose by almost 40 per cent to 2,400, compared with 1,700 in 1991 and 400 in 1990. Some 51 tonnes of cannabis were found, 60 per cent more than in 1991, but seizures dropped by three per cent to 57,700, the first recorded fall since 1975.

There was a record increase in seizures of amphetamines to 10,600, 55 per cent more than in 1991, and more than three times as many as in 1989. A study by the NCIS of drug abuse among 14 to 15-year-olds found that stimulants and hallucinogens, like amphetamines, cannabis and LSD, were the most likely to be offered, while cocaine and heroin were relatively rare.

The NCIS says: "This could represent a long-term trend where current youth culture rejects the junkie association of heroin abuse and looks to chemical substances where the dangers are perceived to be less."

TOTAL NUMBER OF SEIZURES

	Total	Cocaine	Heroin	Ecstasy	Cannabis
Avon & Somerset	1,782	38	41	43	1,450
Bedfordshire	343	9	2	20	276
Cambridgeshire	323	1	0	6	262
Cheshire	709	1	56	20	568
Cleveland	585	1	2	31	452
Cumbria	455	0	21	23	349
Derbyshire	631	7	16	30	423
Devon/Cornwall	1,395	11	29	80	1,149
Dorset	515	4	18	23	395
Durham	406	1	8	28	281
Dyfed Powys	759	1	5	23	648
Essex	1,331	9	23	26	1,092
Gloucestershire	754	1	23	42	628
Greater Manchester	2,070	59	257	47	1,484
Gwent	348	3	2	5	310
Hampshire	367	-	3	3	321
Hertfordshire	579	10	4	15	524
Humberside	774	4	37	29	572
Kent	825	7	4	5	740
Lancashire	1,940	10	108	101	1,443
Leicestershire	528	9	9	25	441
Lincolnshire	384	4	1	27	310
Merseyside	2,755	68	294	119	1,956
Metropolitan & City	19,030	1,508	1,259	479	14,776
Norfolk	811	10	31	47	669
Northamptonshire	579	7	4	55	445
Northumbria	666	4	11	39	513
North Wales	733	1	31	18	610
North Yorkshire	474	2	15	9	368
Nottinghamshire	516	5	3	9	432
South Wales	1,139	6	3	15	1,003
South Yorkshire	1,370	12	60	82	1,013
Staffordshire	793	9	11	193	424
Suffolk	655	2	20	20	554
Surrey	650	11	8	21	573
Sussex	930	15	13	80	760
Thames Valley	1,720	6	12	72	1,513
Warwickshire	396	2	1	5	352
West Mercia	940	11	22	39	757
West Midlands	1,249	12	11	22	1,111
West Yorkshire	1,549	33	96	77	1,159
Wiltshire	914	5	7	66	716
Scotland					
Central	438	1	2	1	374
Dumfries & Galloway	101	1	0	2	87
Fife	223	1	3	7	182
Grampian	596	3	19	28	489
Lothian & Borders	1,316	4	6	60	944
Northern	313	1	1	4	269
Strathclyde	4,422	31	154	68	3,625
Tayside	605	2	4	34	475
RUC	383	3	4	3	285
HM Customs & Excise	7,630	391	165	38	6,793

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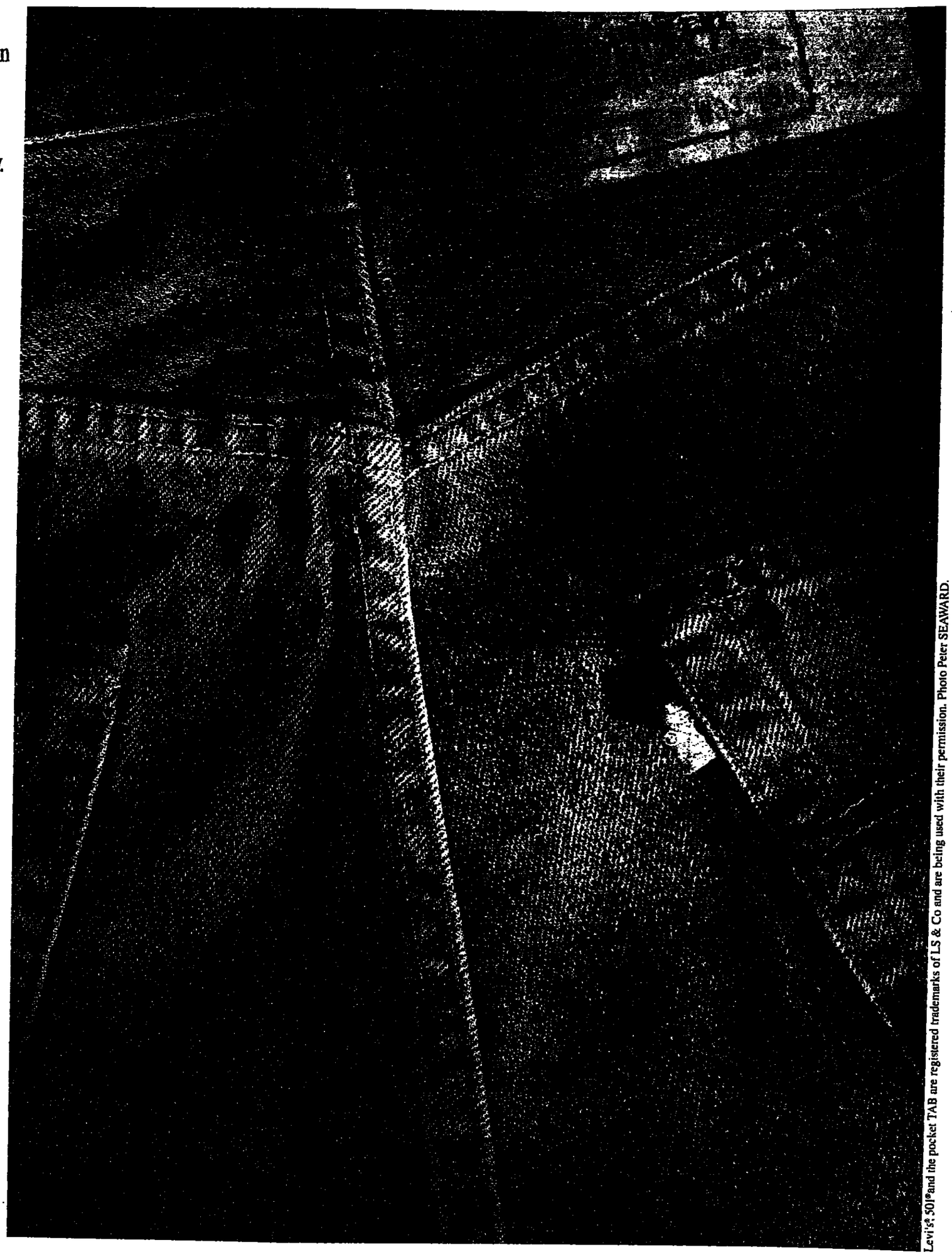
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Law Society condemns home secretary for 'playing' with justice and launches scheme to open up courts

Howard accused of cynical attack on right to silence

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE president of the Law Society yesterday accused the home secretary of playing party politics with the criminal justice system over proposals to end defendants' right to silence. He also criticised "draconian" cuts to legal aid.

Rodger Pannone told nearly 1,000 solicitors at their annual conference in Brighton that Michael Howard was "demeaning his own office by threatening to throw away this right [to silence] for the sake of a cynical party conference one-liner".

The home secretary had "treated with contempt" the work of two Royal commissions which had considered the right to silence in the past 12 years. "In post for less than six months, what makes him think he knows better?" Mr Pannone said.

Mr Howard has announced plans to allow adverse comment to be made at trial if a defendant refuses to answer questions at the police station. At present no such comment can be made.

Mr Pannone went on to attack the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, for cutting eligibility for legal aid when faced with the soaring costs of litigation. It was a deplorable reaction, "so deplorable we were obliged to challenge the Lord Chancellor's action in his own courts".

He said: "Both the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary are distinguished lawyers. Can they not see what a trail of destruction they are leaving in their wake?"

Mr Pannone said that the current attempt by ministers to "govern by sound bite" was alienating those who knew the daily realities of practice — lawyers, police, prison and probation officers, magistrates and court staff.

It was making them "cynical, disaffected and distinctly disinclined to give the government the benefit of the doubt when it seeks our co-operation".

Mr Pannone said many reforms were needed to court procedures and administration, to police manpower and funding, and to legal aid. But these needed to be handled "in a climate of cool deliberation" to gain a sufficient concensus of those in the system.

Solicitors had a duty, if they saw justice under threat, to make their collective voice heard. "And I assure you we are doing that, both privately and publicly, direct to government and to parliament."

He went on to point out that the government would be under-spent on legal aid by an estimated £30 million by next April. This had been achieved when the work load of the courts had dropped. He added that the Law Society had told the government cuts in legal aid were not needed because of the fall in criminal prosecutions, and that was what appeared to have happened.

Later, in what some saw as a hint that the government might look again at legal aid cuts, John Taylor MP, junior minister at the Lord Chancellor's department, said the changes were being monitored continually and the results would be available next month.

"The samples at this stage are not big enough to allow firm conclusions to be drawn, but the Lord Chancellor will be looking very closely at our November findings," Mr Taylor told the solicitors.

Mr Pannone, in his opening address, also criticised the over-supply of solicitors who relied on domestic conveyancing and who were hanging on, waiting for the market to pick up. He warned against the dangers of price cutting to attract conveyancing business.

STEVE MORGAN



Rodger Pannone condemned as "deplorable" the cuts made in the legal aid system

Insurance will pay loser's costs

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

AN INSURANCE scheme which will enable people to cover themselves against paying their opponent's legal costs if they lose a legal action was announced by the Law Society yesterday.

The scheme, which will come into effect next year, should open up access to the courts for those middle income groups who at present cannot afford to go to law and who do not qualify for legal aid.

The scheme will apply to cases which solicitors agree to take on under a no-win, no-fee or conditional fee arrangement and, in the first instance, will apply only to personal injury cases (excluding medical negligence claims). But, if successful, it may later be extended to cover other claims.

It is intended to remove the biggest stumbling block to a big take-up of no-win, no-fee work, namely the fear of ending up paying the other side's costs.

Under "no win, no fee" arrangements, a person has to pay his solicitor's fees only where he wins the action. But, if the litigant loses, he is still liable for the other side's legal costs.

Rodger Pannone, president of the Law Society, said the society believed it had overcome one of the most troubling aspects of conditional fees and that such arrangements would now represent "a real step forward in improving access to justice".

Another Law Society official, Andrew Lockley, said: "It is a breakthrough. By linking conditional fees and insurance, we think we have found a new way of funding litigation which should open up access to justice for many people on middle incomes."

Details of the insurance scheme are still to be hammered out between the Law Society and an insurance company which has not been named. But it is likely that clients will be able to insureagainst the other side's costs for a premium of £100 or less.

Law Society officials yesterday stressed it would not lead to a flood of unworthy cases because litigants still had to find a solicitor who was prepared to take their case on a no-win, no-fee basis.

Opt-out schools win pledge over budgets

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ACTION to speed the calculation of grants for schools which opt out was proposed yesterday by the government after criticism of widespread delays. Baroness Blatch, the education minister, announced plans to ensure grant maintained schools received early notification of their budgets.

The move follows confusion this summer when nine out of ten opt-out schools did not receive their final budget from Whitehall until three months into the new financial year. Some head teachers complained after discovering their final grant was less than first indicated by officials. The delays also embarrassed ministers as they tried to promote opting out on the grounds that it freed schools from local authority red tape.



Blatch: hopes to end embarrassing delays

Under the plan, from January local education authorities (LEAs) will be required to provide more detailed information to education department officials, reducing their workload. Lady Blatch said she hoped grant maintained schools and LEAs would welcome the proposals as a "constructive response to concern about late notification of grants".

Ann Taylor, Labour education spokeswoman, said the failings lay with central government and its inability to administer grants for a mere 500 out of 24,000 schools.

THE TIMES DILLONS DEBATE

Will women priests split the Church?



THE Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, and Karen Armstrong, for seven years a Roman Catholic nun, and author of the controversial new book *The End of Silence, Women and Priesthood*, will speak in support of women priests in this important debate. Challenging them will be Ann Widdecombe, MP, and Father Martin Flatman, vicar of Cowley St John, Oxford, both of whom are leading critics of the decision to ordain women priests.

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Anxious town plans private police force

BY A STAFF REPORTER

■ A chief constable is considering a proposal from a crime-hit town which wants to put its own officers on the streets

A TOWN in co. Durham is planning to raise a private squad of police officers to combat rising juvenile crime. The officers would be controlled by the police force but paid to live and work in the community.

Tom Toward, 50, town council clerk for Shildon, came up with the plan, which is believed to be the first of its kind in Britain. "People now need the reassurance and security of knowing there is a policeman just around the corner," he said.

"They want to get back to the old-fashioned idea of bobbies on the beat who they know and respect, community policemen and women who will take the time to stop and talk to people. Nationally many forces are overstretched and undermanned. We could employ eight or nine officers for about £200,000 a year. That would cost each adult in the town about 40p a week."

The council asked Mr Toward to press ahead and the proposals were sent to Frank Taylor, co. Durham's chief constable. The plan has won the support of Derek Foster, the Labour MP for Bishop Auckland. "Crime is causing great concern and anxiety to the people of Shildon but the only way to tackle it is under a scheme with legal authority, not through vigilante groups," he said.

Shildon, which has a population of 11,530, is plagued by increasing burglaries and car crime and gangs of teenagers who menace elderly people as they walk through the park. Walter Nunn, 73, council leader, said: "Our cars are damaged and stolen, shop windows are smashed at night, we are plagued by burglars and robbers and people are afraid to go out because they are threatened by gangs."

A spokesman for the Police Federation in Durham said: "The council would have to give a long-term commitment so that the officers did not find themselves redundant a year later because the council changed its mind."

Mr Taylor said: "I am formulating a response for the council but no firm offer has been made about providing money. I am always interested in examining any opportunity that would provide more police officers in co. Durham."

In the Sedgefield police district, which takes in the towns of Newton Aycliffe, Spennymoor, Ferryhill and Shildon, crime rose by 7 per cent in the first seven months of this year.



MICHAEL POWELL



Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, the composer, examines some of the original manuscripts he has donated to the British Library. They include Holst's *Egdon Heath*, Vaughan Williams's *Fifth Symphony*, and his own *Revelation and Fall*

Winter visitors fly in by the hundred

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BIRD watchers were yesterday converging on Flamborough Head after the arrival of unprecedented numbers of Lapland buntings.

More than 400 of the sparrow-like, seed-eating birds have descended on the Humberside headland, where they are feeding on stubble.

North-easterly winds from Scandinavia may have pushed the birds off course. Their traditional migration is from the northern tundra regions to more southerly and easterly parts of northern Europe.

While Lapland buntings are far from rare, the size of the British invasion has surprised ornithologists. The numbers of *Calcarius lapponicus* on and around the head represent the British Isles' average winter total.

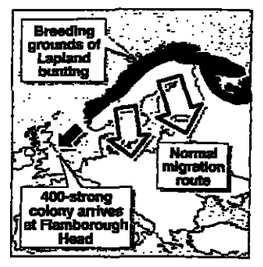
John McLoughlin, of North East Birdline, said yesterday: "Small numbers regularly spend their winters around Britain, but these numbers are quite unprecedented in our region and something very unusual seems to be happening."

Tim Melling of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' Brighouse office, who has been to see the buntings, said yesterday: "I looked up and there they were flying overhead. I couldn't believe it. "They look dull brown at this time of the year but they do have a chestnut panel on the wings. The call is very distinctive, a stuttering trill which ends in a 'queue'-like sound. Once you've heard one you never forget its song."

He said numbers of Lapland buntings appeared to have been increasing on the Yorkshire coast.

Mr Melling linked the phenomenon to the government's set-aside system, in which farmers are paid to take fields out of production.

A rare American visitor, a blackpoll warbler, has been spotted recently at Dane's Dyke on the headland.



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Man killed trying to mend 'live' machine

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DIY enthusiast was killed when he tried to fix a washing machine while it was still plugged in.

Keith Hall, 40, was discovered slumped over the machine by his wife after she returned from a shopping trip with her son. He was trying to replace a worn part when the accident happened at his home in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Yesterday an inquest was told how the labourer was discovered unconscious with his arm still inside the washer. His wife, Sandra, ran screaming for help to a neighbour's home but all attempts to revive him failed.

Neighbour Robert Cutting, said: "I ran to her house and found Keith lying on the floor. The side was off the washing machine and his arm was inside. The machine was still plugged into the wall. He was lying on his back unconscious and I tried to resuscitate him, but it was no good."

The Hotpoint washing machine was later inspected and its electrical system was found to be working properly. Edwin Curry of Northern Electric said: "If the machine was plugged in and the back removed a number of live points would have been exposed.

"When the machine is opened like this it can be very dangerous. It does not have to be working to remain live."

James Muir, deputy coroner for Newcastle upon Tyne, recording a verdict of accidental death, said: "Perhaps Mr Hall was unaware of what he was doing."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bombers injure farmers

A farmer and a cat breeder were treated for minor injuries after letter bomb attacks by animal rights protesters yesterday.

Colin French, 56, who was jailed last year for defying a court order forbidding him to keep animals because of cruelty, opened a package containing a bomb at his farm at Winslow, Buckinghamshire.

Christopher Brown, 53, who has been targeted before by anti-vivisectionists, suffered superficial burns at the farm where he breeds cats at Minster Lovell, Oxfordshire.

Rapist jailed

A teenager raped a pub landlady in front of her 17-year-old son, who was bound and gagged, while two other men ransacked the pub. Lloyd Murray, 18, of Bow, east London, was jailed for ten years at the Old Bailey.

Murder hunt

Police launched a murder hunt after Ida West, 82, died in hospital after she and two friends were mugged in Allerton, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Robber jailed

Frank Smith, 25, of Sandford-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, who shot at a policeman after a village post office robbery, was jailed for 15 years at Reading Crown Court.

Schoolboy dies

David Elswood, 12, who was struck by lightning two weeks ago during a school rugby practice at Crewkerne, Somerset, died yesterday in hospital.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

Timely pumpkin is best vegetable buy

BY GIOVANNA DELL'ORTO

PUMPKINS, the traditional Hallowe'en favourite, are the best vegetable buy this week at 60p-£2.50 each depending on size. Other good vegetable buys include onions and carrots at 15p-25p a lb and swede at 15p-30p a lb.

Cucumbers are the best news for this week's salads, the English and Dutch varieties joined by the new season Spania version at 40p-70p each depending on size. Also look out for English and Egyptian spring onions at 30p-50p a bunch.

The best fruit bargain is Spania satsumas, at 6p-12p each, followed by Italia white seeded grapes at 50p-75p a lb and pears at 30p-65p a lb. Apples are also looking good.

Fish prices are stable, although the unsettled weather may affect supplies of oily and flat fish. Look for whiting at around £1 a lb and coley fillets at £1.30 a lb.

Advertised best buys:

Asda: fresh diced turkey 89p a lb; sliced ham shoulder £1.69 for 454g; Cheddar cheese £1.79 a lb; teacakes 39p for four.

Co-op: jumbo sausages 99p per lb; Campbells chicken stew 69p for 392g; wholewheat muesli £1.09 for 750g.

Gateway: breaded plaice fillet £2.55; family size steak and kidney pie 85p; McVities apple pie 99p for 565g; swede 9p a lb.

Harrods: sugared gammon £1.60 per 0.25lb; horse mackerel £1.60 each; white asparagus £6.50 a lb.

Iceland: sirloin steaks £4.49 for six; shoulder pork £2.49 for 1lb 4oz; sliced green beans £1.29 for 4lb; Jurassic Park snacks £1.29 for nine; Lambrusco Rosso £1.49.

Marks & Spencer: haddock in crumb £3.25 for 800g; chicken casserole £1.95; large cottage pie £1.99; Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon £2.99.

Safeway: minced beef £1.05 a lb; boneless pork shoulder 98p a lb; frozen baked cheesecake £1.19 for 400g; pumpkins 19p a lb; best of British beers £9.95 (ten-bottle pack).

Sainsbury: prime rump steak £2.98 per lb; boneless chicken breast £4.49 for 2lb; burger buns 72p for 12; large pineapples 95p each; green cabbage 14p a lb.

Tesco: pork stir fry £1.99 per lb; trout steaks £2.99 per lb; garden peas 65p for 2lb; medium pumpkins 49p each; baking potatoes £1.79 for 10lb.

Waitrose: pork spare ribs £1.49 per lb; rainbow trout £1.95 per lb; Cox's apples 79p for 1kg; kiwi fruit 15p each.

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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Short overwhelmed by textbook strategy

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

GARRY Kasparov won his second speed chess game against Nigel Short at the Savoy Theatre in London with a textbook example of Sicilian Defence strategy.

Kasparov emerged from the opening with a solid position, counter-attacked fiercely on the queenside to win a pawn and then finally broke Short's resistance with one of those storming attacking combinations for which the world champion is justly famous.

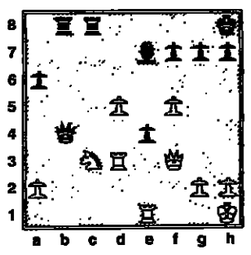
The complications after Kasparov's key move, 34 ... d5, are mind-boggling, based on a variety of back rank checkmating motifs. Kasparov, nevertheless, calculated the myriad difficult variations in a matter of seconds.

In the key position after 36 ... e4, if White plays 37 Rxe4 then 37 ... Qxc3 38 Rxc3 Rb1+ 39 Rc1 Rxxc1+ 40 Re1 Rxe1+ 41 Qf1 Rxf1 checkmate. A superb finish.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov
Speed Game (2)

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bc4	e6
7	Bb3	b5
8	0-0	Be7
9	Qf3	Qb6
10	Be3	Qb7
11	Qg3	b4
12	Na4	Nbd7
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14	Rad1	Kh8
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21	bxc3	Qxc3
22	Bd4	Qa5
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25	Nc3	Qa5
26	f4	Nh5
27	Qe3	Nc6
28	Ne2	Nxd4
29	Nxd4	Qc3



30	Rd3	Qc5
31	Qf3	Nf6
32	f5	e5
33	Ne2	Qb4
34	Nc3	d5
35	Bxd5	Nxd5
36	exd5	e4

The climax of Kasparov's attack

37	Qxe4	Rxc3
38	Rd4	Qd6
39	f6	Bxd6

White resigns

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The book includes notes and interviews from *The Times's* exclusive access to both Kasparov and Short during the championship.

☐ **Jakarta:** Anatoly Karpov moved to within half a point of victory over the Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman in the rival Fide championship here, after the pair agreed to draw the 19th game yesterday.

Timman, playing White, offered the draw on the 43rd move after four hours 50 minutes. The Russian, Karpov, now leads by 12 points to seven in the 24-game series. The 20th game will be played on Saturday. *(AFP)*

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Birt tells MPs that BBC will survive

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE time people spend watching and listening to BBC programmes will shrink by over half from 50 to 24 hours a week by the turn of the century as a result of competition from satellite and cable television channels, John Birt, the corporation's director-general, told MPs yesterday.

Giving evidence to the Commons heritage committee's enquiry into the future of the BBC, Mr Birt roundly rejected the committee's apocalyptic predictions that the BBC would be drowned in a tidal wave of competition from global media groups by the turn of the century and would be lucky to achieve even a 20 per cent audience share. More than 90 per cent of people would still tune in to the BBC, he said, but for shorter periods of time.

Mr Birt assured MPs that the BBC would learn to adapt and coexist with new forms of competition from multi-media services in the 21st century, in much the same way as newspapers had adapted to the advent of television.

The committee's drastic forecasts of the demise of British broadcasting, voiced earlier by Gerald Kaufman, its chairman, give the clearest sign yet that it might recommend a radical reorganisation of the way the BBC is funded and regulated after the expiry of the corporation's charter in 1996. The committee is preparing a report on the corporation's future, to be published next month.

Marmaduke Hussey, the BBC chairman, urged MPs to renew the BBC's charter for between eight and ten years. It would be wrong to make major changes until the full implications of new technological developments had been fully evaluated.

The committee also made clear yesterday its scepticism about the suitablity of the television licence fee as the main source of funding for the corporation in a future dominated by subscription and pay-as-you-view television.

Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire, described the current system, which raises £1.4 billion a year for the BBC, as ramshackle, haphazard and outdated. He pointed out that 7 per cent of people eligible to pay the levy evaded it, proportionately more than the evasion rate for the poll tax.

Mounting a passionate defence of the licence fee, Mr Birt said the BBC owed its position as Europe's biggest television and radio production house and as the most powerful broadcasting brand name in the world to the financial independence and security granted by the licence.



ADRIAN BROOKS

John Birt and his deputy Bob Phillis arriving yesterday to give evidence before the Commons heritage committee

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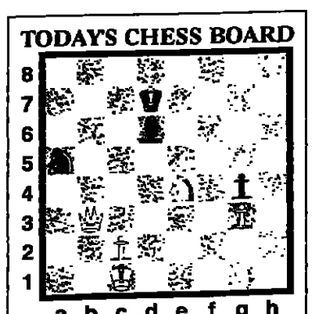
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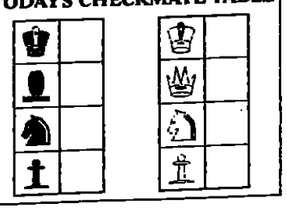
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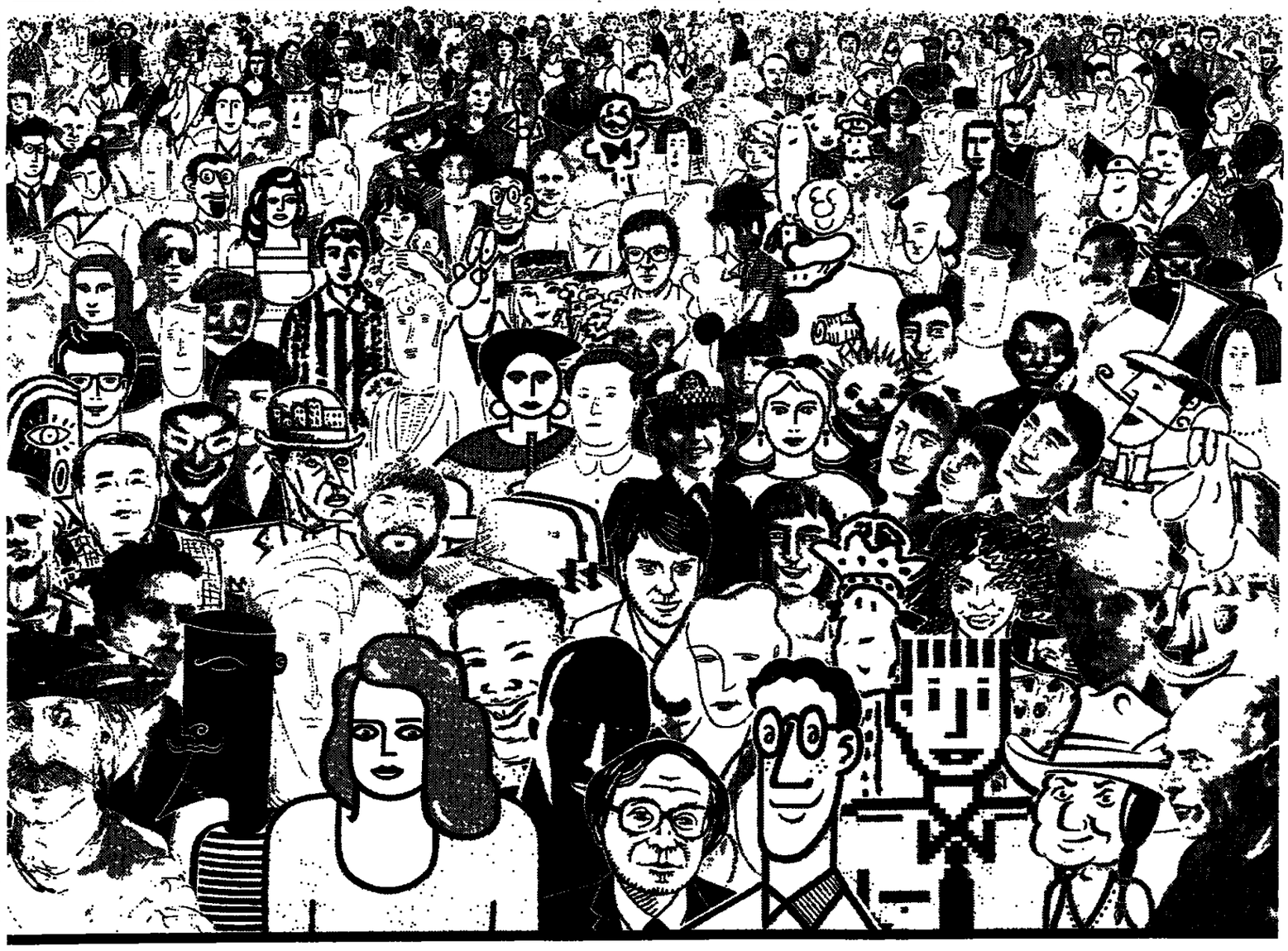
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This isn't an isolated incident. Over a million sheep are exported from Britain every year and the RSPCA have trailed some 200 vehicles.

The destinations and the cargoes varied greatly but, tragically, the treatment of the animals did not.

Sheep could be humanely slaughtered near to the farms where they are raised, refrigerated, then transported (a method favoured by many British farmers).

But then the European meat traders would make a little less money, so the practice continues.

At least until the law is changed.

EC agriculture ministers are about to meet to discuss the current livestock transportation regulations.

The RSPCA want to see an eight hour limit on the transportation of live animals for slaughter enforced throughout the European Community.

Gillian Shephard is our representative at the negotiations and there is still time to let her know your views on the issue of maximum journey time.

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Poll shows Major still bouncing along the bottom

Conference gives sharp boost to Smith's standing

BY PETER RIDDELL

JOHN Smith has emerged as the main beneficiary of this autumn's party conference season. The latest MORI poll for *The Times*, taken last weekend, shows that Mr Smith's personal rating has risen sharply over the past month to its highest level since he became Labour leader 15 months ago.

By contrast, John Major has received no significant boost from his successful party conference speech. His rating touched a record low for any post-war prime minister in the mid-summer and has been bouncing along the bottom since then.

There has been little change in voting intentions in recent months. Since early May, when the Tories suffered a big defeats in the local elections and lost the Christchurch by-election, Labour has remained at around 44 per cent, plus or minus one or two percentage points: the Tories have been on 28 per cent, plus or minus one point; and the Liberal Democrats have been on 24 per cent, plus or minus one point. The latest rankings are Labour on 45 per cent, the Tories on 29 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 23 per cent.

The last period when the parties' ratings were similarly becalmed was in 1984, also a year after an election, and before that for six months in the spring and summer of 1981, when the Tories were also unpopular and before the newly formed SDP began to take off.

The striking feature of this month's poll is that the Labour conference has helped to boost Mr Smith's rating rather than his party's standing. The proportion of the public saying they are satisfied with the job he is doing as Labour leader has risen from 34 to 41 per cent over the past month. The number saying they are dissatisfied has fallen from 38 to 34 per cent. Mr Smith's rating with Labour supporters has also improved sharply and is now favourable by a three-to-one margin. Mr Smith has benefited from the headlines proclaiming "Smith wins" after his victory in the conference vote over party democracy and relations with the trade unions.

In previous months, Mr Smith's rating has been negative, with more dissatisfied than satisfied, and has been lower than Neil Kinnock's at a similar stage of his leadership in 1983-4. But Mr Smith has now moved ahead of his predecessor.

By contrast, the Tory conference has done little for Mr Major's standing. After touching a low of 19 per cent in June and July, his satisfaction rating is now 23 per cent and, among Tory supporters, 55 per cent, against 47 per cent three months ago. But among the public as a whole his rating remains negative with 69 per cent still dissatisfied with his performance as prime minister.

There has been no shift in attitudes towards the government as a whole. Only one in ten is satisfied with the way the government is running the country, with more than four-fifths dissatisfied, no change on a month ago. Even among Tory supporters, only a third are satisfied with nearly three-fifths dissatisfied.

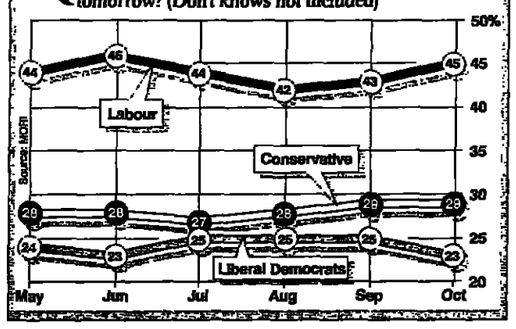
After their electoral successes during the summer, the Liberal Democrats have not made further gains in the autumn. Their party conference has apparently made little impact. Paddy Ashdown's own rating has slipped back slightly from its high levels of earlier in the year, although more of his own party supporters are satisfied with his performance than other party supporters are with their leader.

☐ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,795 adults at 143 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on October 21 to 25. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (9 per cent), are undecided (6 per cent) or refuse to name a party (2 per cent).*

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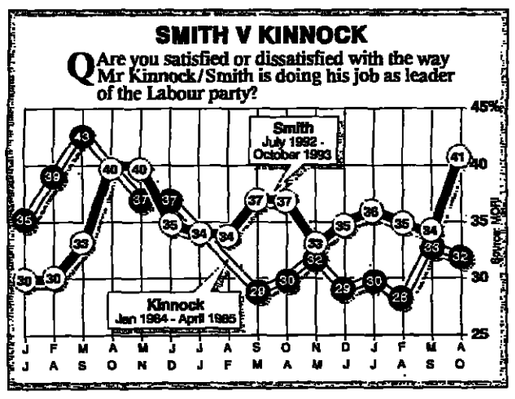
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Q Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr Kinnock/Smith is doing his job as leader of the Labour party?





Smith: benefited from newspaper headlines

Economic confusion hits public confidence

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE public remains worried about the state of the economy amid conflicting signals about the strength of recovery.

The latest MORI poll shows that the economic optimism index has declined for the third month running and is at its lowest level since February.

The index measures the number thinking that the general economic position of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months. The index now stands at minus 11 points, compared with minus eight points last month.

The index was positive for four out of the five spring and summer months, but since then the proportion expecting an improvement in the economy has declined from a peak of 35 per cent in July to 24 per cent now.

This confused pattern ties in with the mixed economic data suggesting that the pattern of recovery is uneven. Economic optimism has traditionally been an important influence on voting intentions. The latest figures suggest that it may be some time before any improvement in the economy helps the Tories.

Unemployment remains top of the list of the most important issues facing Britain, according to the latest poll. However, the proportion mentioning it has declined from four-fifths to around three-fifths since the spring, mirroring the drop in the number registered out of work.

The main change this month has been a rise in the number mentioning law and order to a third. It is now ranked second alongside the health service and the economic situation.



Clare Short dons protective gear to give John Gummer a lesson on the environment

Labour woos a green generation

BY ALICE THOMSON

THE Labour MPs Clare Short and Chris Smith struggled into gas masks and contamination suits yesterday to launch Earth 2000, Labour's new environment initiative.

In an attempt to become the party of the environment and appeal to youth, Labour is to consult young people to find out how they would alter green policy.

Chris Smith, the shadow environment secretary, said: "In any school young people know more about the environment than 90 per cent of adults and probably a lot more than John Gummer, the environment secretary."

He said Labour would have extensive consultations with children and students around the country. Questionnaires would be sent out and the feedback would influence any future environmental policy.

Addressing an audience of under-25s, Ann Taylor, the shadow education secretary, said: "I am talking to the Blue Peter generation who are all too aware of environmental problems. This generation is going to have to change our goals if they are going to survive in the next generation."

She attacked the Conservative party for "harking back to Victorian values in education" when modern subjects like the environment should be one of their top priorities.

Bill Eyres, 25, co-ordinator of Grassroots, the Young Labour green network, criticised John Smith, the Labour leader, saying he had lost any "green rinse" to his speeches. He said that the young were disillusioned by politicians who did not live up to their promises.

Urging shadow ministers to use Earth 2000 to set out a strong environmental agenda, he said they should take up the environmental mantle from the green pretence of the Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Ministers fight church reform

Two ministers will lead the attack on plans to allow the ordination of women priests, warning MPs of a schism that will split the Church of England in future years.

John Gummer, environment secretary, and Ann Widdecombe, the social security minister, will take the rare step of speaking from the back benches in the Commons debate on the issue. Miss Widdecombe, who left the church over women's ordination, will be joined by Mr Gummer, who has threatened to leave the church. Although Parliament cannot overturn the Church's recommendations, it is expected to support the proposals.

ID card backed

John Major confirmed in the Commons that he favours the issuing of idenity cards to counter social security benefit fraud. Speaking during prime minister's questions, he said he shared with others the desire to stop fraud, and Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, was "looking at a whole range of options".

Break for MPs

The present parliamentary session, which started in May last year, will be brought to an end next Friday when Parliament is prorogued. The Queen will open the new session on Thursday, November 18.

In Parliament

Commons (9.30): Motion on the ordination of women.

Next week

The main business in Westminster next week is expected to be:

House of Commons

Monday and Tuesday: Railways bill, Lords amendments.

Wednesday: Timetable motion on the Cardiff Bay barrage bill and Lords amendments.

Thursday: Motions on parliamentary pensions and motion on financial assistance to political parties.

Friday: Prorogation.

House of Lords

Tuesday: Motion on the ordination of women.

Wednesday: Railways bill, Lords amendments.

Thursday: European economic area bill, Commons amendments.

Friday: Prorogation.

New jail building a gamble

BY JOHN LEWIS

CONTRACTORS who build and run Britain's new prisons will have to gamble on the crime rate remaining high.

Peter Lloyd, the prisons minister, spelt out the new risks that contractors will be expected to take at a Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors conference in London on joint public-private finance.

The government has already made it clear that it will expect the bidders for two new prisons, planned for Liverpool and Bridgend, to design, build, manage and finance the buildings. Tenders are to be invited in February.

However, Mr Lloyd told startled developers that the requirements for another four prisons, foreshadowed by Michael Howard, the home secretary, at the Conservative party conference earlier this month, and new secure training centres for young offenders aged 12 to 14, will be wider still.

Under its new policy of bringing in private finance, the Home Office will decide the region in which the prisons are to be built, but little else. Companies will be expected to find the site, apply for outline planning permission, design, build, finance and take into account the likely occupancy of the buildings.

Developers will have to calculate the risk of crime dipping or a change of government or home secretary which produces shorter sentences. Potential contractors will also have to choose sites close to population centres, so that wives and relatives can visit prisons.

Mr Lloyd explained that the Home Office was no longer buying prisons, but "custodial services". It would not be specifying the thickness of walls, the level of lighting or the kitchen space. Instead ministers would say what was wanted in general terms.

Dublin plan raises hopes of Ulster peace initiative

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WATT IN BELFAST

JOHN Major and Albert Reynolds will today attempt to bring hope to Northern Ireland by keeping alive the prospect of a peaceful settlement involving the two governments and the constitutional parties.

The British and Irish prime ministers will meet in Brussels in a new spirit of conciliation after a warm and positive welcome from Mr Major yesterday to a new six-point "peace plan" put forward by the Irish government.

Downing Street heralded elements of the proposals, spelt out by Dick Spring, the Irish foreign minister, during an emergency debate in the Dail, particularly the Irish government's acknowledgment that there should be no change in the status of Ulster without the freely expressed consent of the majority of the people there. Mr Major told the Commons he had read the speech with "very great interest" and that he was looking forward to discussing it today.

There was an equally enthusiastic response by government officials to its acceptance that the Unionists should be free to withhold their consent until persuaded to do so "by democratic means".

Senior Tories said that even more significant was Mr Spring's signal that change was possible in articles 2 and 3 of the Irish constitution under which it lays claim to Northern Ireland. Mr Spring said: "If we believe in consent as an integral part of any democratic approach to peace, we must be prepared at the right time and in the right circumstances to express our commitment to that consent in our fundamental law."

He also hinted that eventually paramilitaries might find a place at the table if they renounced violence. "We will make a place and ... bring in from the cold those who have lived in the shadow of their own terrorism — and we are prepared to begin that process the moment that a total cessation of violence makes it possible for us to do so."

The Irish proposals almost certainly contain elements of plans put forward to Dublin, but not officially seen by London, by John Hume, the SDLP leader, and Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president. But ministers clearly view the Irish plan as a convenient means of putting the Hume-Adams initiative to one side. Downing Street again made it plain the government would not talk to Mr Adams.

Mr Major's initial reaction to the Irish proposals was that they disclosed a substantial degree of common ground between London and Dublin.

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, said the proposals were a "mish-mash" with nothing new.

The proposals came as Belfast Catholic families buried three victims of the week's sectarian violence. Hundreds turned out in west Belfast for the joint funeral of Jim Cameron, 58, and Mark Rodgers, 28, the Catholic council workmen who were killed by loyalist gunmen on Tuesday morning.

Father Aidan Kerr told mourners that Mr Cameron's widow, Margaret, had tended to victims of Saturday's IRA bomb in Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital three days before her husband was murdered.



Reynolds: seeing Major at EC summit today

Peter Brookes, page 20

Welsh call for independence

WELSH nationalists yesterday launched their campaign to put independence back on the political agenda with a new blueprint for constitutional change. Delegates to Plaid Cymru's conference in Cardiff will draw up a two-stage plan for a Welsh parliament, with the ultimate goal of full self-government.

Dafydd Wigley, the party president, said disillusionment with the Westminster system had created a new climate for change. "All parties, apart from the Tories, accept that an elected Welsh assembly or parliament is now more likely than ever before.

"Our exciting plans would take this parliament further after five years or so, moving Wales towards full self-government with power to tackle our deep-seated problems like employment, housing and education, which Westminster is so obviously failing to do."

Mr Wigley said that the recent management problems of the Welsh Development Agency "super-quango" highlighted the need for greater accountability to the public.



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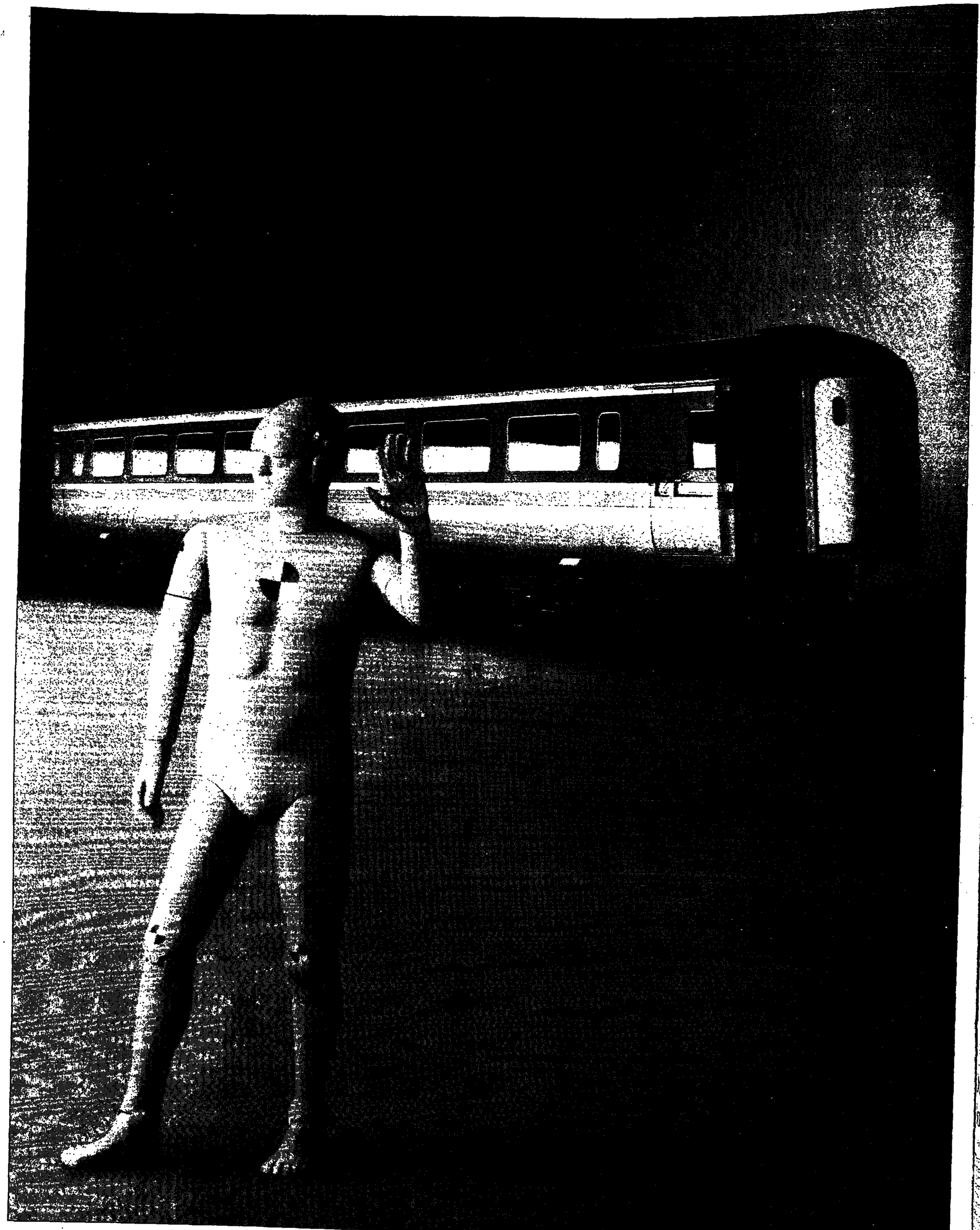
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Greeks renew British child hunt after arrest of gang

FROM MALCOLM BRABANT IN ATHENS

THE discovery of a gang selling children in Greece has raised hopes that the two-year mystery surrounding Ben Needham, the missing Sheffield toddler, is closer to being solved.

Following the arrest of four people in Athens allegedly involved in the sale of gypsy babies, Greek security police have launched a nationwide investigation and have promised to extend the scope of the inquiry to include the case. Ben, who would be four years old today, vanished in July 1991 while playing outside a house his grandfather was helping to restore on the Aegean island of Kos.

Eddie Needham, Ben's grandfather, who has spent the past week on the neighbouring island of Rhodes, checking sightings of blond boys resembling Ben, said: "Now these people have been arrested, I just hope the big people at the top don't escape. They must be made to tell us if Ben has gone through their organisation, where he has gone. It is the most realistic thing that could have happened to Ben — to be stolen, to be sold for lots of money."

In addition to the two couples in custody in Athens' Korydallos prison, 13 other people, including a doctor, a lawyer and a social worker, are to face questioning over their involvement in the sale of at least 11 babies to childless couples.

The sale of children has long



Ben: vanished more than two years ago

been the stuff of legend in Greece, although unproven until now. The security police believe they have uncovered a part of what may be a large nationwide network serving couples wishing to bypass adoption procedures. The nationwide investigation, launched following the four arrests earlier this month, had until now concentrated on gypsies selling their own babies for up to £10,000.

Detectives, speaking on condition of anonymity, agreed yesterday that it was feasible that they could also be trading in stolen children, and a senior official of the security police said that the scope of the enquiry would be widened to include Ben's case.

Hopes of an early breakthrough could, however, be thwarted by the strict rules governing prosecutions in Greece, which, seen from a British perspective, appear bureaucratic and petty. The police are no longer able to question the four suspects, nor can they suggest lines of enquiry to Efthymios Kataliakos, the investigating magistrate.

Mr Kataliakos said that he had no knowledge of Ben's disappearance, and would not extend his line of questioning unless instructed to do so by the public prosecutor. But he said he might listen to requests from the British authorities, if they went through the correct channels.

The Needhams believe the hunt for Ben has been hampered by police incompetence, and lack of interest by British diplomats. When the boy vanished, aged 21 months, police failed to carry out a full search of Kos, and the embassy in Athens did not send any consular official.

Doug McKellar, the consul in Athens, said yesterday: "We will make a formal approach through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that they include the disappearance of Ben Needham in the current enquiry into the sale of children."

At the end of an emotionally crippling week, unsuccessfully chasing up improbable leads in Rhodes, Ben's grandmother Christine said: "Now they have this lead, they can't argue they don't know which way to go. They must try and help us. We implore them to end our suffering."

Ben's parents, especially his mother, Kerry, who is pregnant with her second child, have never stopped believing they will find him alive. Their only realistic hopes of identifying him now rest with a birthmark on his thigh, and a strawberry-coloured stain beneath the hair on the back of his head.



Christine and Eddie Needham, grandparents of the Sheffield toddler, on the island of Rhodes where they have investigated sightings of blond children

Bribe trial begins in Milan

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

THE first big trial arising from the Italian corruption scandal opened in Milan yesterday as Sergio Cusani, a financier, was accused of organising the biggest bribe paid to political parties in the *tangentopoli* (bribe city) affair.

Signor Cusani, a confidant of Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist prime minister, has threatened to make dramatic revelations about politicians allegedly involved in the payment of 150 billion lire (£60 million) by the Ferruzzi chemical group, Italy's second-biggest private company, over Enimont. This was an ill-starred joint venture between Ferruzzi's holding company, Montedison, and the state-run energy concern ENI.

"If Enimont was the mother of all bribes, this is going to be the father of all corruption trials," said Antonio Di Pietro, the Milan magistrate who has become a national hero by spearheading the "Clean Hands" enquiry.

Signor Cusani, 43, is defended by Sergio Spazzali, a radical lawyer whose mentor is Jacques Vergès, the French barrister who defended Klaus Barbie, the former Gestapo chief in Lyons.

Protests in armed forces reflect malaise in Italy

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

DISCONTENT in the Italian armed forces has boiled over with hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen refusing to eat meals and confining themselves to barracks in protest at a government freeze on pay increases.

The "strike" was organised by the armed forces' representative body, Cocer (army consultative committee), which is demanding full trade union status. The *carabinieri* paramilitary police refused to participate but Cocer leaders claimed 100 per cent support from NCOs and men in central military districts and 70 per cent support from officers. "About 300,000 people in arms from the navy, air force and army refused their rations," *La Stampa* estimated. *La Repubblica* called the agitation "a fast in the barracks against [prime minister Carlo Azeglio] Ciampi".

The agitation reflects a growing malaise within the armed forces which last week led to the resignation of General Goffredo Canino, the army chief-of-staff. Military experts pour scorn on media speculation at the chances of an army coup.

Public opinion, however, is increasingly concerned that the crisis in Italian society reflected in corruption scandals and the rise of the devolutionist Lombardy League, is spreading to the army and national service — institutions that played a great part in forging Italian national unity in the past by bringing together conscripts from different regions.

General Canino quit in protest at the dismissal by Fabbio Fabbri, the defence minister, of General Biagio Rizzo, the commander of the Emilia-Romagna region, who in turn was accused of being lax with General Franco Monticone, the former commander of Italy's Rapid Intervention Force.

Signor Fabbri, a Socialist, suspended General Monticone after a former mistress of the army officer alleged he was plotting a right-wing coup. General Canino hit headlines earlier this year when he said he regarded any soldier who supported the Lombardy League as a traitor.

Commentators noted that General Bonifazio Incisa di Camerana, the new chief-of-staff, had not attended a Western European Union war game, Ardente 93, which began in Tuscany on Monday with French, Spanish, German and British troops. *Corriere della Sera* suggested this was to avoid contact with elite Italian troops in the exercise who appear disgruntled about the departure of the Generals Canino and Monticone.

Rome: About 150 jobless people hurled eggs, potatoes, milk cartons and coins at Bruno Trentin, leader of the CGIL, Italy's biggest union, yesterday during a half-day general strike called in protest at government economic policies and rising unemployment. He was addressing a crowd of 60,000 in Naples, one of the cities worst affected by lack of jobs. *(Reuter)*

Dutch track down looted drawings

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN AMSTERDAM

First the Nazis looted them from the Dutch, then the Red Army took them from the Nazis, and now the Dutch have found them again. But getting back the treasure trove of 306 Old Master drawings is something else.

The drawings found in the cellars of the Pushkin museum in Moscow have been identified as the bulk of the Koenigs Collection, worth millions and missing since 1945. A team of experts sent to Moscow by the Dutch government returned this week from authenticating the drawings and reported them in excellent condition.

"This visit was purely an art history exercise: the return of the paintings was not on the agenda," Marie de Zwaan, a team member, said.

A joint Dutch-Russian working group on the collection agreed to organise a Dutch exhibition of the works and will meet next month in The Netherlands to discuss whether the drawings will be returned to Dutch control. None of the works has been on public display since they were taken by the Nazis.

The Boymans van Beuningen museum in Rotterdam, which was forced to hand the drawings to the Nazis, wants to be the first to show them again. The collection includes a Rubens drawing of his wife Hélène Fourment, and "The Lion" by Rembrandt.

Other artists include Correggio, Titian, Van Dyck, Dürer and Holbein. But despite the reappearance of the collection, 184 of the 490 drawings originally taken by the Nazis are still missing.

For decades the Dutch government has been demanding the return of the drawings, which were believed to be in Soviet hands since the end of the second world war. But it was only last year that the Russian government finally admitted to having the collection, assembled by Franz Koenigs, a German-born Dutch industrialist, during the 1920s.



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Clashes over spending will mark Maastricht treaty celebrations

Major vows to stop Delors jobs plan

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, IN BRUSSELS

JOHN Major arrived in Brussels last night determined to block an ambitious programme by Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, to revive the European economy with a substantial programme of infrastructure spending.

In what threatens to be a serious clash at today's special summit, called to celebrate the ratification of the Maastricht treaty, Mr Major is preparing to argue that the Delors blueprint will make Europe less, rather than more, competitive. M Delors's plan is regarded as naive by Britain. Mr Major, backed by other leaders, will argue that it should be sent to the Community's finance ministers (Ecofin) for further detailed work. One British official said: "Perhaps they will be able to make some sense of it."

The move will anger M Delors, who hoped that his paper, which sets a target of creating 20 million new jobs before the end of the decade, would go straight to December's twice-yearly summit of the Community.

At what the leading players clearly hope will be a low-key affair, Mr Major is also prepared for a confrontation with President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, over the long-delayed world trade talks and attempts to speed the pace of European union. Britain is on its guard for a French ambush designed to reopen the question of agricultural subsidies and tariffs dealt with under the so-called Blair House accord between the EC and the United States.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) talks have been kept off today's agenda as a formal item in order to avoid any interference with the European Commission's negotiating remit of reaching a deal by the final deadline of December 15. But there are fears in Whitehall that M Mitterrand may attempt to insert references in the final communiqué designed to frustrate the deadline.

The regular summit in Brussels early in December is already being portrayed as a "crunch" meeting for the Gatt talks. The British government is also braced for a move from France, Germany and the Belgian presidency today to reconfirm the timetable for economic and monetary union and the introduction of a single currency in 1999.

Mr Major has already said that he hopes they "will resist the temptation to recite the mantra of full economic and monetary union as if nothing had changed". If they did, it would have all the "quaintness of a rain dance and about the same potency", he said. Yesterday his officials said the present timetable was "daft" and Mr Major told the Commons he would repeat his message as appropriate.

The summit could decide the location of the European Monetary Institute, the embryonic central bank, and other institutions envisaged by Maastricht. Germany is the odds-on favourite to win the site for the bank, probably at Frankfurt, in spite of British reservations. Mr Major is pushing for Britain to get one of the largest institutions on offer, the European Medicine Evaluation Agency, a testing unit for new drugs.

☐ **Strike plan:** Belgian civil servants are planning a general strike today to protest against government economic austerity plans. The Socialist public sector union CGSP estimated that 40,000 demonstrators would turn out in the streets of central Brussels, adding to the traffic chaos expected from a lack of public transport. *(AFP)*

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Delors: ambitious blueprint to create 20 million jobs by end of the decade

Kinkel sidelined in row over who calls the shots

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

Germany's foreign policymakers seem to be engaged in an elaborate game of ping-pong, batting issues such as Gatt, Iran, Somalia and Nato from one side of the table to another. The domestic wrangling over who controls foreign affairs does little to encourage the idea that Europe will meet its Maastricht commitment to help to forge a common external policy.

"I am the one who makes foreign policy here," barked Klaus Kinkel the other day. When a foreign minister has to make such a statement, he is clearly not completely in command. Herr Kinkel is also the chairman of the Free Democrats, the small struggling partner in the Christian Democrat-led government of Helmut Kohl, the chancellor.

The fact that European elections next summer precede national elections in October ensures that foreign policy will be an issue for German voters. Herr Kinkel is being sidelined on almost every important matter.

Herr Kohl is determined to keep the Franco-German relationship firmly in his hands, but is constantly wrong-footing Herr Kinkel. When Herr Kohl told France that Germany, too, had "problems" with the Blair House farming accord, Herr Kinkel was left to mop up the mess. Was Bonn ready, asked its neighbours, to put the Franco-German relationship above a speedy Gatt deal? Herr Kinkel swore loyalty to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade but his credibility had been hurt.

Bernd Schmidbauer, the chancellor's intelligence coordinator, recently met the head of the Iranian secret service. Apparently the foreign ministry was not fully briefed. America and Britain were furious and demanded an explanation from Herr Kinkel, who knew next to nothing about the talks.

Volker Rühe, the Christian Democratic defence minister, announced a concrete withdrawal date for German soldiers stationed in Somalia. Herr Kinkel publicly said that the defence minister was out of order.

Herr Rühe struck again when he pushed hard for an early acceptance of Central European states in the Nato alliance. Herr Kinkel was more cautious, leaving Herr Rühe with egg on his face at this month's Nato summit.

The muddle is partly of Herr Kinkel's own making. It is becoming virtually impossible to combine the functions of foreign minister and party chief. In an effort to match Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his predecessor, he has spent most of his first year in office in planes. But times have changed since Herr Genscher managed the ministry: too many foreign relationships have to be redefined, or at least carefully nursed.

The day-to-day running of the ministry is almost entirely in the hands of one of his deputies, Dieter Kastrup, the state secretary. As soon as a foreign policy issue enters the domestic political domain Herr Kinkel has to jump in with his table-tennis bat. He misses the ball all too frequently.

Regions angered by British nominee list

FROM JAMES LANDALE IN BRUSSELS

THE government was thrown into unexpected controversy yesterday when it unveiled its list of 24 local councillors chosen to represent Britain in a new European Community institution, set up under the Maastricht treaty to give greater regional representation in Brussels.

The so-called Committee of the Regions (CoR) is seen, in theory, as a vital step towards "filling the democratic deficit". However, British local authorities immediately complained that the list of nominees, who have still to be confirmed by the council of ministers, is too strongly weighted in favour of the Conservatives and misses out some regions.

Jeremy Beecham, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said: "The regional imbalance is very worrying at the outset of this new committee. Ministers do not seem to understand that the CoR has been created to give the various regions of Britain and other EC countries a voice in Brussels."

The committee, however, will have only advisory status and therefore its opinions could be ignored by EC legislators. Susanne Tiemann, president of the EC's economic and social committee, last week called on EC heads of government at today's summit to "ensure that adequate resources are found to cement the implementation of all the provisions of the treaty so as to restore the confidence of European citizens in the Community's future".

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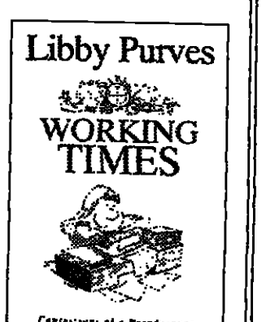
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Clinton pledges help for wildfire disaster zone

■ California is burning, millionaires are fleeing and the president, with an eye on his re-election, has speeded federal aid

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday declared much of southern California a major disaster area as up to 16 wildfires continued to cause devastation, grief and terror from north of Los Angeles to the Mexican border.

The day bought a temporary easing of the hot desert winds that had spread the flames faster than a man could run, offering a little respite to the state's overwhelmed fire services. But the fires remained so widespread that the smoke was visible to astronauts 172 miles overhead in the space shuttle Columbia.

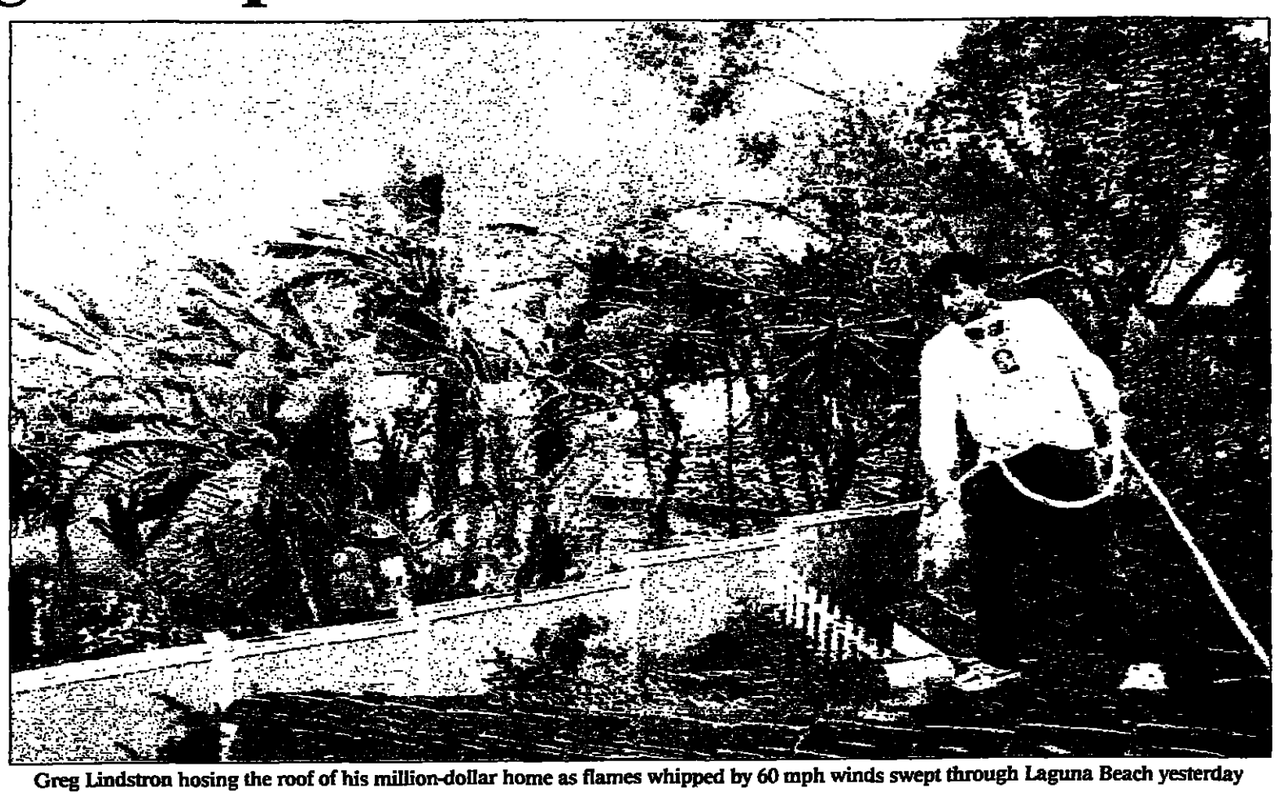
The fires, a few started by arsonists, had by midday charred nearly 100,000 acres of parched hills and canyons, destroyed between 500 and 600 homes and forced at least 30,000 people to flee for their lives. Damage was estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars. Los Angeles was covered in a smoky pall that rained ash like snow.

The fires were the worst since those that destroyed 3,000 homes, killed 25 people and caused $1.7 billion (£1.14 billion) of damage in Oakland, California, in 1991. These covered a far wider area but miraculously there were no reported deaths, although at least 27 firemen were injured, two of them critically, and there were some narrow escapes. In one instance, two fire engines had to be abandoned in the middle of a blaze. In another, a group of policemen escaped only after a helicopter dropped hundreds of gallons of orange fire-retardant.

Two hundred fire engines were sent from northern California, a fleet of helicopters dropped water from the Pacific on endangered homes, and water tankers filled up from swimming pools as mains water pressure in some areas disappeared. But the flames, fanned by the infamous Santa Ana winds of up to 60 mph, had jumped across highways and travelled so quickly on Wednesday that an estimated 6,500 firefighters could do little to contain them. Another 1,600 reinforcements were arriving yesterday. Schools, hospitals and nursing homes were closed, and the flames chased deer, rabbits and other wild animals onto roads.

Worst hit was the exclusive seaside town of Laguna Beach, 40 miles south of Los Angeles, where more than 300 homes, including numerous million-dollar mansions, were destroyed and half the town's 24,000 residents fled. Even the fire service's command post in the town was burnt down. A tramp was arrested after his campfire set off a blaze that destroyed 150 homes in Altadena, an affluent suburb north of Los Angeles. The authorities suspect arson in at least four of the fires. California is vital to Mr Clinton's re-election chances, and the president moved with rare speed yesterday to offer "all appropriate federal resources and assistance" to the state.

He called the scenes of destruction heart-rending. He sent senior federal emergency officials and Bruce Babbitt, the interior secretary, to the state and might go there himself. "My heart goes out to the people across southern California who have lost their homes, their possessions, and have witnessed private property and the natural environment devastated by these terrible fires. We are going to do whatever it takes to help the people." Pete Wilson, the state governor, toured the area by helicopter and declared a state of emergency in five counties.



Greg Lindstron hosing the roof of his million-dollar home as flames whipped by 60 mph winds swept through Laguna Beach yesterday

CIA awards medal to top British scientist

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE Central Intelligence Agency, rolling back its curtain of secrecy, has conferred a unique honour on R.V. Jones, a key figure in Britain's scientific intelligence during and after the second world war.

The occasion reignited debate over whether Professor Jones has been sufficiently recognised in Britain. A speaker at the CIA ceremony, Doyle Larson, a retired US air force major general, said he hoped the award would provoke John Major into bestowing a similarly high-ranking order.

Professor Jones, 82, became the first recipient of a CIA medal named after him, the R.V. Jones Intelligence Award. It is also the first time the spy agency has created an award bearing the name of a non-American. The medal was the idea of James Woolsey, the CIA director, who said that its future recipients would personify Professor Jones's scientific acumen in the cause of intelligence.

Professor Jones received a standing ovation at the CIA's headquarters on the outskirts of Washington. General Larson said that precision bombing at the start of the Gulf war was the direct result of Professor Jones's teachings. "I think Reg Jones deserves considerable credit for a stunning victory and I salute him," he said.

Democrats face tax rise verdict

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

EXACTLY a year after President Clinton won the election by promising economic revival, America will next week hold its first real referendum on his performance.

The occasion is the New Jersey governor's election, and the battle lines could not be starker. They offer a straight choice between pure Clintonomics — deficit-reducing tax increases — and undiluted Reaganomics, the Republicans' supply-side tax cuts of the 1980s.

Jim Florio, the Democratic incumbent, levied record tax increases within months of taking office in 1989, just as Mr Clinton did this year. Christine Whitman, the Republican challenger, is staking all on her promise of a 30 per cent tax cut.

For added spice, Mr Florio's campaign is being orchestrated by James Carville, President Clinton's campaign manager. Running Mrs Whitman's is Ed Rollins, creator of the "Morning in America" theme that led to President Reagan's re-election in 1984.

New Jersey is a miniature America, a jumble of affluent suburbs and troubled cities and diverse ethnic groups. It is considered a reliable barometer of the public mood, and the result will greatly influence national politics in the run-up to next year's congressional elections.

A Florio victory would be seen as proof of a sea-change in the public mood, a sign that politicians can at last raise taxes without being consigned to electoral oblivion. A Whitman victory would thrill Republicans by showing that the anti-tax passion that gave them three successive presidential victories before last year can be rekindled.

The good news for Mr Clinton is that Mr Florio is narrowly ahead in the polls, an astonishing comeback by a man who raised taxes by $2.8 billion (£1.84 billion) to balance the budget in virtually his first act as governor.



Carville: back again on the campaigning trail

Aristide says coup leader must go

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

HAITI'S ousted president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, said yesterday he would not return to his country until the military commander who toppled him resigned and he called for a complete economic blockade to force his opponent out of power.

Mr Aristide said General Raoul Cedras must resign as commander of the Haitian military before he returns to take up his post as president of Haiti, as he was meant to do tomorrow under a peace accord brokered by the United Nations.

Earlier, Mr Aristide had told the General Assembly that, if General Cedras and other key members of the military stood down today, he would immediately call on parliament to vote on new laws granting amnesty and splitting the army from the police. But he said that, if General Cedras and his allies clung to power, the UN should impose a "total and complete blockade". He also asked his government, led by Robert Malval, not to resign tomorrow if he did not return to Haiti on schedule.

In a 25-minute speech he vowed to return to Haiti and offered some conciliatory words for his more moderate opponents. "It is not a matter of choosing to return or not to return," he said. "October 30 is a choice between departure and lateness."

He thanked President Clinton, who said yesterday that Washington was exploring ways to tighten the screws on the Haitian military. Mr Aristide said he believed that concerted international pressure would pay off. "If there is a total blocakde, I am convinced the military will not be able to hold out," he said.

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Montenegro church aims to throw off Belgrade's yoke

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE IN PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO

SERBIA and Montenegro, all that remain of what used to be Yugoslavia, face a potentially violent dispute this weekend in their fraying relations.

A growing force of Montenegrin separatists are to choose a rebel church leader for the republic in a move calculated to enrage the Serbian government in Belgrade. The selection of an autonomous Montenegrin patriarch is doubly offensive to the Serbian Orthodox Church because it is holding its own synod this weekend.

Both meetings are to be held in the historic former Montenegrin capital, Cetinje, and will be a focus for discontent among the increasing number of Montenegrins who want to distance themselves from the authorities in the Serb capital.

The Serbian Orthodox Church is the official church in Montenegro, but it is widely regarded as a powerful fomentor of Serbian nationalism and a strong supporter of President Milosevic's dream of a greater Serbia. The Montenegrin branch of the church was outlawed in 1922, but moves to resurrect it have intensified recently.

The selection of an autonomous Montenegrin patriarch is expected to draw a crowd of 12,000 and mark a new low point in relations between the two republics of the rump Yugoslavia. There is only one nominee for rebel patriarch, Antonije Abramovic, 74, a Montenegrin who has been living in Canada for more than 40 years. He arrived in Cetinje for Sunday's ceremony a few days ago. The Serbian church's leader in Montenegro, Bishop Amfilohije Radovic, is widely held in Cetinje and Belgrade to be an extreme nationalist.



Even Montenegrins with old feelings of kinship with Serbia now resent what they see as attempts by the Serbian church and the Belgrade authorities to rob Montenegro of its national pride. All Orthodox children baptised in Montenegro must have their nationalities logged as Serb on their baptismal certificates. One mother whose child was baptised two weeks ago was appalled when the priest delivered an impromptu hardline speech at the end of the ceremony, acclaiming the rising tide of a greater Serbia stretching from Greece to the Adriatic.

Many Montenegrins feel that they are unfairly suffering the hardship of sanctions that have been imposed mainly because of Serbia's role in the war in Bosnia. Some Montenegrin troops have been blamed for war atrocities in Dubrovnik and Bosnia, but that tarnish has only heightened anger towards Serbia. "We feel ashamed that some of our people were whipped into such a frenzy of nationalism by Belgrade that they did these things," said Dr Dragisa Burzan, international secretary of the Social Democratic Party in Podgorica, formerly Titograd.

Stevo Vucinic, secretary of the committee selecting the rebel Montenegrin patriarch, said: "The situation is urgent. It is very important for us to choose our spiritual leader. We are resurrecting the independence of our church. We cannot be slaves for ever."



A family sawing through a fallen tree on Sarajevo's "Sniper Alley" as the city's residents try to stock up firewood before the onset of winter. Oxfam yesterday appealed for £1 million and a million items of winter clothing for Bosnia and other areas of conflict in Eastern Europe

'Angel' plans Bosnia aid convoy



Becker: fund-raising record to be released

BY TOM RHODES

SALLY Becker, the independent aid worker known as the "Angel of Mostar", will return to Bosnia in December at the head of a relief convoy including volunteers from the British police and fire and ambulance services.

It will be the first time that a force of this nature has taken part in such an operation in the former Yugoslavia, the news of which comes just days after the United Nations halted convoys to certain parts of central Bosnia after the death of a Danish driver. Ms Becker, 33, an artist from Brighton with no medical training, said yesterday she would be joined on her next mercy mission by Hampshire ambulance workers and firefighters and Hampshire and Sussex police officers.

It is hoped sponsorship will come from sources as diverse as the government, Virgin Atlantic Texas Homecare and Vauxhall Motors. A fund-raising record, *Hear the Children*, will be issued.

Falklands legacy hampers friendship

Squid bonus for Argentina

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES

THE squid will help cement a new, warming relationship when the Argentine foreign minister visits Britain next week in the first such high-level exchange since the Falklands war.

When Guido José Mario di Tella signs a new fishing agreement, permitting an increased Argentine squid catch near the Falklands, the smiles and handshakes will mask disputes which are a legacy of the Falklands conflict.

He will sign an accord with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, allowing Argentina to fish twice as many ilex squid in the South Atlantic as it did last year. The squid are vital to the economy of the Falklands, but Argentina also wants a share in the profits by selling licences to international fishing trawlers. Last year it agreed to limit its catch to 140,000 tons. This year it succeeded in raising the quota to 220,000 tons.

"We can't help it that the squid decide to come into Argentine waters before they migrate to the south. They are a common resource which we have to share. We do not want to see the economy of the Malvinas (as Argentina calls the Falklands) collapse," Señor di Tella said in an interview with *The Times*.

Although Señor di Tella is an outspoken Anglophile, he plans to raise unresolved disputes. Since Argentina and Britain resumed diplomatic relations in 1990 there have been several trade and commercial agreements and a frequent exchange of ministerial visits. But President Menem's repeated sovereignty claims over the Falklands, and Britain's insistence on keeping a weapons embargo in force, underline that the two countries are still far from overcoming key issues.

The refusal by Argentine war veterans to co-operate with a Scotland Yard investigation into allegations that British officers executed Argentine prisoners of war after the Battle of Mount Longdon recently have also highlighted differences. Scotland Yard detectives have been in Argentina for the past week to investigate the allegations, but high-ranking officers, including General Leopoldo Galtieri, the former dictator and leader during the conflict, have refused to co-operate.

'Champagne' loses its sparkle in Paris court

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

A PARIS court poured millions of francs of Yves Saint Laurent's money down the drain yesterday when it accepted the claim by Moët et Chandon and other champagne-makers that the fashion house had pirated their hallowed product name for its new perfume.

Judge Lydie Dissler said customers might mistakenly believe there was some link between the fizzy wine and Champagne. Yves Saint Laurent's fragrance that was launched this month as a "homage to sparkling women". Mme Dissler banned all further sale of the perfume under the Champagne name in France.

"Use of the term champagne to designate a perfume is liable to undermine the renown of the *appellation d'origine* (label of origin) champagne," the judge said. Moët et Chandon is a division of Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the conglomerate that also owns Yves Saint Laurent's rivals Christian Lacroix, Givenchy and Christian Dior.

The judge cancelled Yves Saint Laurent's Champagne trade mark, ordered the confiscation of packing and advertising material and awarded 50,000 francs (£5,750) damages to Moët and two other complaining producers, Lanson and Brugnon. Yves Saint Laurent said it would appeal against the decision.

Claude Saujet, Yves Saint Laurent's managing director, noted that the order applied only to France. However, the champagne makers have begun similar court proceedings in Britain, Germany and other European countries where the perfume has been launched.

Another Major Advance in Air Traffic Control



The Civil Aviation Authority is continuously improving Britain's air traffic control system to make it more efficient and to reduce delays.

Last weekend the approach radar controllers from Heathrow and Gatwick airports joined their colleagues, responsible for London Terminal Operations, in a purpose-built operations room at the London Air Traffic Control Centre at West Drayton. The movement controllers operating from the Visual Control Rooms remain at the airports.

It's the key part of a system which will enable controllers safely to handle at least 30 per cent more flights over London and South East England – some of the world's busiest airspace.

The system – the Central Control Function – is part of the CAA's £150 million-a-year **Investing for Growth** programme to increase capacity to meet the growing demand for air travel.

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Siege turns proud granary of Angola into city of hunger

FROM SAM KILEY
IN MALANGE, ANGOLA

■ **Unita's year-long grip has meant famine in Malange. For those tempted out in search of food, *mines deal out a different death***

HIDDEN from world attention so far, the civil war in Angola is beginning to yield its secrets as the extent of deprivation and destruction becomes apparent.

Gripped with panic at the sight of sacks of food being stacked in a locked building, an elderly man in Malange, so shrunken with malnutrition that he looked like a child dressed in his father's clothes, lunged through the crowd to grab a handful of spilt rice.

The youth wearing Ray Ban Aviator sunglasses and a green jumpsuit smashed his fist into the man's chin and flung him face down into the throng of other beggars. The palmful of rice was wasted in a puddle. The elderly figure shuffled away, humiliation burning in his hollow cheeks.

Malange's people are not used to starving. The city used to export rice and wheat, not holding out its hand to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). But after a year of siege by the Union for the Total Independence of Angola, the city's population has almost doubled to half a million. More than half its residents depend on food aid from outside, one in three people faces malnutrition.

Yesterday the WFP managed to fly in about 20 tons of rice to feed the starving. This was the first supply the city had received in five days as the WFP seized the lull in shelling by Unita to rush in aid. But the war and the expense of flying in food means that the UN, and other agencies, can feed only the most needy. In Malange everyone must wait until they can barely walk before they get help, or risk Unita's bombs and mines to harvest crops. Jean Manuel Antonio, 15, sneaked under a WFP truck with a tin and collected rice as it fell through the cracks in its floor. His father and grandfather were killed two months ago by Unita when they went to harvest cassava.

The Angolan government has managed to get immunisation kits for measles and other diseases which prey on the hungry. But there is little it can do about the mines, which are the real cause of starvation and death. The city's hospital is jammed with hundreds of children suffering from the famine. One baby was so emaciated that doctors could not find a vein in his arm to fix a drip.

A few sick adults occupy beds in the hospitals, but most places are taken by truncated women who have lost limbs fending for their children. Feliciana Domingo, 28, was typical. Last Sunday, faced with the prospect of her four children starving, she ventured back to her fields and trod on a mine. It tore off her right leg and wounded the other. Next to her was a young woman with a similar story.

Secret peace talks between Unita and the Angolan government continued yesterday in Lusaka, the Zambian capital. But in Rwanda few diplomats saw any prospect to the end of fighting, which in one year has created 20,000 orphans in Malange alone.

Carlos Gil, the EC delegate in Rwanda, yesterday rebuffed statements made to *The Times* by Manual Da Silva, head of the UN's humanitarian assistance co-ordination unit, that the EC had failed to contribute "one dollar" to the UN's emergency appeal for Angola, insisting that the Community had made "considerable donations".

Six ministers died in failed Burundi coup

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A THIRD of Burundi's cabinet ministers were murdered with President Ndadaye in last week's failed military coup which tried to overthrow the country's first democratic government, it was learnt yesterday. The United Nations confirmed that the coup failed and surviving members of the government held power.

Leonard Nyangoma, public works minister, said that six cabinet ministers had been murdered by the military in the coup. He said he also believed more than 2,000 people had been killed in the violence that followed.

François Ngeze, head of the self-styled "public salvation committee" which claimed to be in control, was said to be under house arrest. Ten other coup leaders had been arrested, but 40 more had fled to Zaire.

The coup attempt set off a week-long wave of ethnic killings among the majority Hutu people and the minority Tutsis, the military coup leaders. Mgr Bernard Bududira, leader of Burundi's Roman Catholics, estimated that the death toll could be higher than 20,000.

The collapse of the coup was announced by Radio Burundi in what it described as a "government communiqué". The station had been in military hands.

"The government has effectively reassumed power," James Jonah, the UN under-secretary for African affairs, said after meeting coup leaders. "I was assured by the army commander that he recognises the civilian leaders and the troops will retire to barracks."

The prime ministers of three neigbouring states met in Rwanda yesterday to discuss the coup and appeal for an international peacekeeping force to be sent.



Empress Michiko of Japan emerging from the imperial palace in Tokyo yesterday after a medical check. The empress has been unable to speak since she was stricken by an unexplained illness last week on her 59th birthday, and yesterday was the first time she had appeared in public since becoming unwell. At the same time, controversy was increasing in Japan over her courtiers' behaviour towards her. Her symptoms at first prompted speculation that she had suffered a minor stroke, but recent palace utterances have suggested that she was suffering from deep depression.

Yesterday's public appearance seemed to have been staged to counter growing media criticism of the court and its behaviour towards the first commoner empress. Although widely popular, she is said to be disliked by certain ultra-conservative courtiers for trying to modernise and open up the closed imperial family. *(Reuter)*

Talks on colony nearing collapse

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
IN HONG KONG

THE decks are being cleared in Hong Kong, Peking and London for a breakdown in the talks over Hong Kong's political future.

The fifteenth negotiating session ended yesterday with each side admitting that, after well over 100 hours of talks, there is virtually no common ground. There will be no further talks until November 19, after Chris Patten, the governor, has consulted with John Major in London. The British offered a final meeting before Mr Patten's trip home, but the Chinese declined because of a visit to Peking by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor.

It is understood that a decision will be taken at the London meeting on Wednesday week whether the talks should end or drag on a while longer.

London's main reason for holding further sessions after November 19 would be to ensure that the British side is not blamed for causing a breakdown. The Chinese, too, are trying to arrange it so that they are not held responsible.

Hints appear in the Chinese press about concessions that Peking is prepared to make — such as lowering Hong Kong's voting age to 18 — but even so there are caveats. Peking is also trying to reassure Hong Kong that its economy will not suffer if the talks fail. The latest leak is that only British interests will be damaged.

Qian Qichen, the Chinese foreign minister, repeated a familiar threat yesterday: if Britain sets up its own, supposedly more democratic, structure, China will establish a completely new regime when it takes over in 1997.

☐ **Air hazard:** Hong Kong airport is to stop using an air traffic control system that allows departing and arriving aircraft to fly 2,000ft over each other, after a Civil Aviation Authority report said it was "a definite hazard to flight safety". *(Reuter)*

Bernard Levin, page 20

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran gets the blame for Berlin killings

Bonn: The German prosecutor has accused the Iranian secret service of being behind the murder of four Kurdish leaders in a Berlin restaurant (Roger Boyes writes).

The trial against the alleged killers, one Iranian and four Lebanese, is at the heart of a political scandal that has propelled Bonn into a confrontation with the British and American governments. Defence lawyers hinted that the chief investigator might have been fed some of his information by the British secret intelligence service, the CIA or Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service.

Iran evidently wants to protect Kazem Darabi, the chief defendant in the trial, who is a member of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, and, more important, wants to avoid a trial that might focus publicity on Iranian state-backed terrorism.

Suspect held

Cairo: Saber Abu al-Ala, 28, the suspected killer of two Americans and a Frenchman, has been remanded in custody for 60 days. He confessed to the shootings but his motives were still unclear. Prosecutors ordered forensic science examination of the restaurant, the weapon and the victims. *(Reuter)*

Editor resigns

Moscow: Gennadi Seleznev, editor of *Pravda*, bowed to government pressure and resigned his post in an attempt to get the newspaper back on the streets after bans on newspapers that voice opposition to President Yeltsin. *(Reuter)*

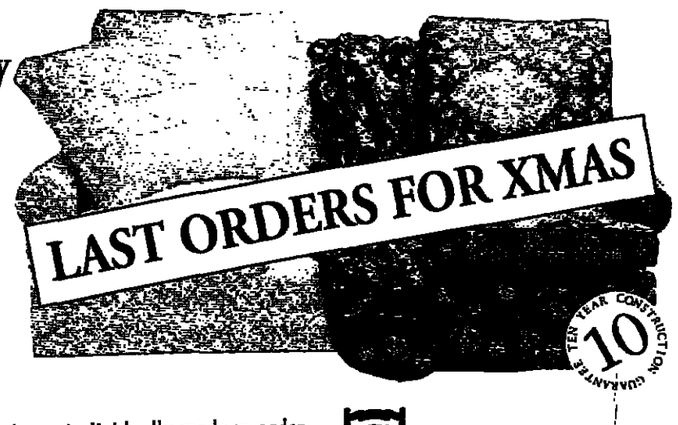
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Berlin: Lieutenant Colonel Don Snelgrove, a USAF pilot based here, ejected safely over a Turkish hillside last year, the accident report states, after losing control while trying to urinate in the cockpit. His $18 million (£12 million) F16 fighter was lost. *(AP)*

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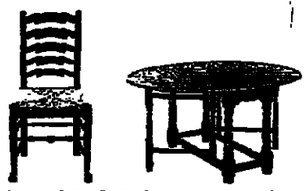
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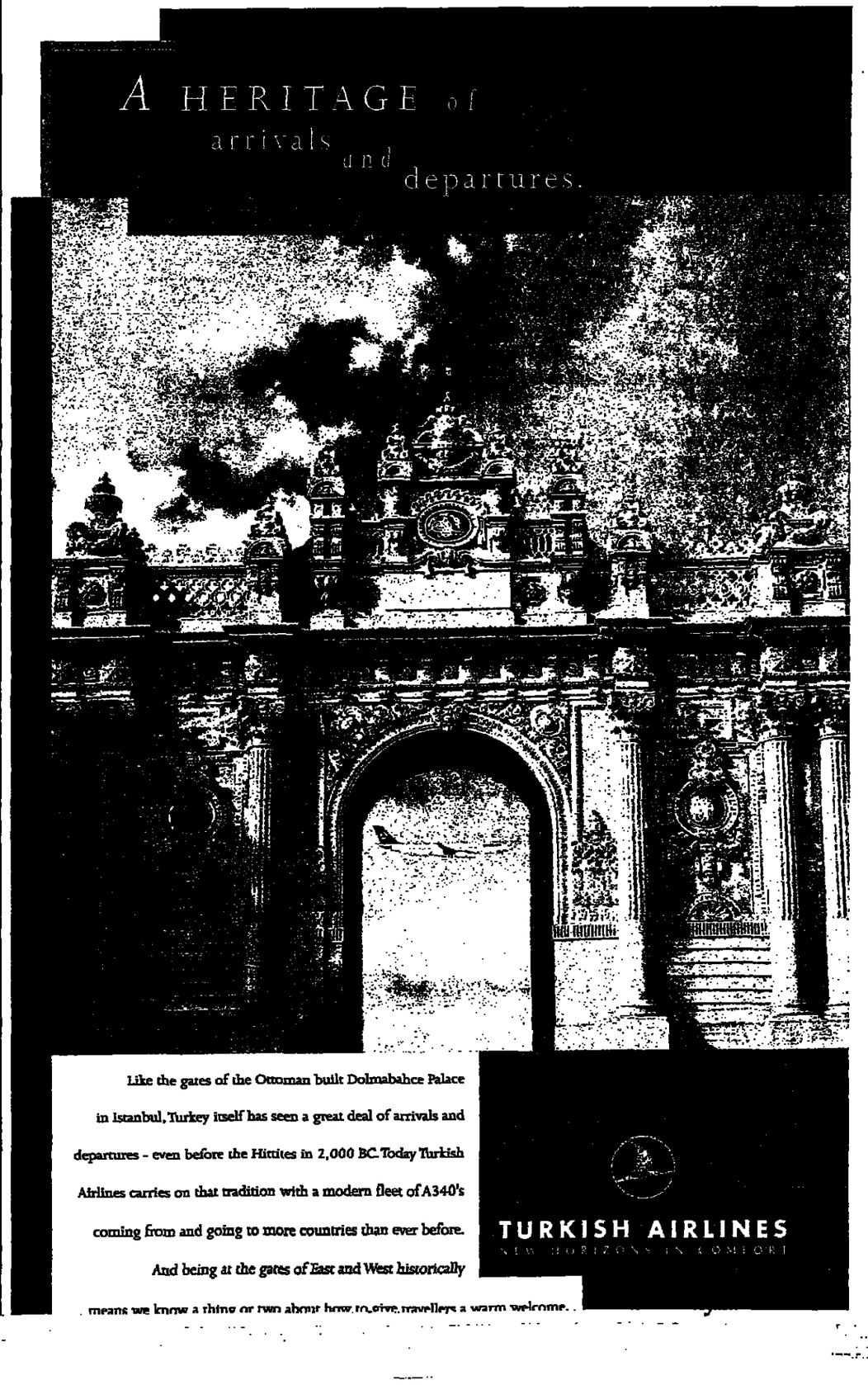
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Crested flowerpots, Barbour jackets and country sports are among the icons for the 1990s, as consumers seek a look to last

Old-fashioned quality, classic value

So Granny was right again. She told you to sit up straight or you would get back pain, that blue eyeshadow was vulgar and that men respect a girl who says "No". And, most boring of all, she told you to buy the best, because in the end quality — like breeding — would win through.

Buying the best has always been a depressing concept. After all, why spend a fortune on an Asprey watch when you could get a Swatch with interchangeable straps to match every outfit for less than half the price? People who buy best are the kind of people who regularly clean behind their refrigerator, keep their socks in a drawer labelled "socks" and would rather dine with Saddam Hussein than at McDonald's: sensible, smug and slightly dull.

Buying the best is a concept, however, which is growing in popularity, at least if *Country Life* is to be believed. Yesterday, that yardstick of British values announced that time-tested quality was the theme of the 1990s, while the flashy logos and conspicuous consumption that every 1980s shopper craved were distinctly *demodé*. No longer would we aspire to the glitzy lifestyle of Ivana Trump, our new role models would be more along the lines of the Queen Mother.

This rather worrying conclusion (do we all have to don hats like sea anemones and start taking a keen interest in horse racing?) had been reached as a result of a survey of 100 of the country's most prestigious retailers to see how they had fared in recessionary times. The magazine had expected tales of woe, but instead was surprised that nearly all were reporting record profits.

Among the success stories was Corney and Barrow, the London wine merchants, which reported a 15 per cent increase in sales of Delamotte champagne this year. Solid silver razors at £350 were selling well at Czech and Speake, the bathroom specialists, while Whichford Pottery reported a boom in sales of flowerpots, hand-made and decorated with heraldic devices to give a sense of history.



JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

Farlow's of Pall Mall, which specialises in fishing tackle, shooting accessories and country clothing, said that 1992 was the most successful in its 150-year history and 1993 was showing a 30 per cent increase on that. "We are hoping the recession does not come to an end," Alastair Baxter, the managing director, says. "Our customers have been more conscious of value in the last couple of years, but value does not necessarily mean cheapness." The best-selling shooting jacket is also the shop's most expensive, at £330.

According to Melanie Cable-Alexander, the author of the *Country Life* article, such behaviour represents a more frugal and long-term way of thinking. "People are having to be more careful about their money and they know that what they buy has got to last."

Peter York, the social commentator, agrees. "There is nothing so educational as spending money, and people have learnt some lessons," he says. "The world has come a cropper in terms of new developments in Docklands, and people are more discriminating as a result. They might as well spend money on things that they will like and things that are proven to endure." The changing fashion has meant booming business for Tricia Jameson, an interior designer and dealer in folk art. "The old quilts I sell are hellishly expensive," she says. "And I almost get the giggles when I tell people that the price of a tiny chipped mug with a robin on it is £65, but it doesn't stop them buying."

Fashion designers, too, are making the "old-fashioned" look their new one. Models have been parading the catwalk in woolly pullies and cloth caps that were formerly reserved for the likes of Arthur Fowler on *EastEnders*, while Top Shop, which used to epitomise throwaway fashion, has started to stock second-hand clothes to save its customers scouring the markets.

It is a long way from the days of Harry Enfield's Loadsamoney character, who bought tickets for the opera because they were expensive and hated trees "because money doesn't grow on them". But according to Mr York, this new interest in a simpler, more rustic way of life was just as much a part of the 1980s as the 1990s. "Interest in the country flourished in the boom years. People who had mobile telephones and red braces were also looking for a country garden. They wanted to have everything."

And the values we are emulating now are as much of an illusion as the dreams of a Wall Street broker. "The British are very sentimental about the country," Mr York says. "It's one of the things we do best. Britain is very urban. We had the first railways, the first factories and agriculture is on a large scale, without the peasant culture that still exists in France and Italy. There are very few people left who have experience of the sheer awfulness of scratching a living from the soil." But there are a lot who secretly think they look rather good in a Barbour jacket.

Having a ball, the British way

Eat your heart out Euro Disney, Alton Towers has got what it takes

AS WE sat and admired the roadworks on the M1 between Hemel Hempstead and Luton, I wondered if I had been rash to downgrade the half-term treat. We had talked of Euro Disney and even Orlando, before opting instead to sit among the traffic cones: if we ever got there, could Alton Towers possibly measure up?

Even though Florida is a long way to go for a funfair and you might get shot, and despite travellers' tales of the Euro Disney rip-off, we expected, the two seven year-olds and I, that even the best of the homegrown theme parks could be only a pale imitation of anything that Disney did.

Four hours later, after winding along country roads from the Derby turn-off for more than an hour, we were mildly surprised that two-and-a-half million people manage to find the place every year. (We must be a nation of map-readers, as more people find Alton Towers than any other paying tourist attraction.) But there they all were, bearing out the latest MORI poll finding that what the British like best after a cuppa, is a day out with the family. In an orderly queue. No danger of me getting lost in the crowd, though. "Would the only woman not wearing an anorak" — the announcement would go — "please collect two children from the meeting point?"



MARGOT NORMAN

It was, however, an unexpectedly heart-lifting spectacle. I had no idea the place was so beautiful. We all gasped as the cable car swung us across the wooded valley and past the lakes and terraces of what were once the most extravagant and admired gardens in England. Chinese magnolias and Japanese maples blazed so brilliantly among the English oaks that, when we landed, the children insisted on testing whether the leaves would burn their fingers before running off to try the first ride. Elderly passengers sat tight in the cable car, saying they came here every autumn just to ride back and forth and admire the view.

The other rides, the ones we had come for, are arranged in clusters around the 500-acre estate in such a way that, on the whole, they don't interfere with the spectacle of an absurdly grand gothic palace of a house in a landscape tailored with flair, eccentricity and limitless funds. This is quite an achievement since the Beast, the unutterably terrifying Thunderlooper, the Flying Carpet and all the other scare-you-witless instruments of masochistic pleasure are the size of skyscrapers.

There are 125 of these rides and attractions, more than at Euro Disney, so the Alton Towers marketing men naturally make much of them. The image of the place as a cut-price giant funfair, a downplayed and downmarket British version of something only Americans know how to do properly, has somehow persisted despite the best efforts of the current owners, the Pearson group, and the patronage of the Princess of Wales.

I am certain that disgruntled Euro Disney investors gave no thought to the phenomenal scale of investment in this patch of Staffordshire by the earls of Shrewsbury over the years. The Talbots did nothing by halves and their castle, genuinely grander and now genuinely more ruined than anything Disney could fake, was once the largest private house in Europe. What the Princess of Wales made of it I don't know, but when Queen Victoria went there as a girl she was struck almost dumb. "Extraordinary!" was all she could manage.

I can't quite imagine her on the Log Flume, which we braved despite the cold. Nobody else did, so there was no queue. Hot chips and hot chocolate warmed up the wet bits afterwards, and the three of us found ourselves agreeing that nothing, but nothing, could beat whooshing along a freezing waterslide in a plastic log of a canoe through the prettiest woodland we knew.

RIDICULOUSLY British? Yes, entirely so, in the best sense. "Mummy, why is everybody being so nice to us?" my daughter asked, as we went back for the second day on the improbably generous "Towers Two" deal, £3 each all in if you buy a ticket the day before. "They seem to be nice to everybody," I replied, as indeed they were.

Evidently it paid off, as groups of tall young men who were, I'm sure, just taking a break from their professions as football hooligans, muggers or car-radio thieves queued politely and reassured the children that they would no more fall out of the upside-down rides than does water fall out of a bucket when you swing it round your head.

Nobody said, "Have a nice day" and that, in our perverse-ly British way, helped to ensure that we did just that.



Malloy's urgent drive to succeed, with the Olympics as her goal, is shaking up America's boxing establishment and opening the way for other women to follow

Dallas pulls no punches

Ambitious and obsessed with her sport, Dallas Malloy is desperate to get into the ring for the big match. **Kate Muir** reports on the 16-year-old American who sweats gallons in her cause to advance women's boxing

Tomorrow 16-year-old Dallas Malloy will make history when she slugs it out with Heather Poyner in the first officially-sanctioned women's amateur boxing match in America.

Unlike the average young light-welterweight's match, Malloy's has been almost a year in the scheming. Indeed, for 106 years, the US Amateur Boxing Association banned women from the ring, and it took the combined might of Malloy, her lawyer, the American Civil Liberties Union and a sympathetic federal judge to allow the battle between two 139lb women to go ahead.

Malloy's pugilism appears as effective in the courtroom as the ring. Give her the grain, and she will go against it in any way possible. When the 5ft 5in blonde arrived at Seattle's 12th Street Boxing Gym just over a year ago, she was the only woman there, and the trainers hoped she would get the message and quietly fade away. Now, they consider her the best amateur, in terms of skill, in the place. She has been weightlifting, running and sparring for four hours a day for what will be a three-round bout lasting six minutes. "When you see her face looking at you through her headgear, she looks like a little girl," says one of her male sparring partners. "If you think about it too long, you get three punches in your face. She's going to hurt somebody."

Poyner, her opponent, is 21, and has been a student of kickboxing and other martial arts for three years. She began extensive boxing practice only recently, but has the same height and reach as Malloy, so promoters expect them to be well-matched. Obviously, the novelty means the bout will be well-attended and wagered on, but there is also hope that as men's amateur boxing declines, the addition of women will aid a revival.

Malloy is maintaining a short silence during the run-up to the fight, but she talked to her local paper, the *Seattle Times*, recently. "I thought this day would never come, but now I can't wait to get in the ring," she said. "This is what I want to do."

Boxing is an unexpected choice for the middle-class daughter of two college lecturers. It is not as if she needed to escape a bad background or a rough life on the streets in the tradition of Rocky Marciano. Nor is she jumping on the "aerobox" bandwagon, where female fitness freaks tired of aerobics put boxing movements into their workouts to ensure shapely upper arms.

Malloy's 12th Street Gym is far from that Lycra-clad world. Fellow boxers report that it smells, as it ought, of old leather and old sweat. The converted basement is guarded by a bull terrier whose bark is worse than its bite. But women are accepted here, just as they are in the oldest gyms from New York to Los Angeles — so long as they train and sweat as hard as the men.

According to Katherine Dunn, a novelist and boxing columnist from nearby Oregon, trainers and coaches have accepted women in the ring, while the boxing establishment — who make the rules — have been slow to catch up.

So far, Malloy has only sparred with men, since there are so few women to be found. Eventually, she hopes to fight other women in the Olympic Games, if the International Amateur Boxing Association follows the American lead. Canada has now allowed female fights for two years and has 100 registered amateurs. Most women fighters wear chest protectors, and have to sign a waiver declaring they are not pregnant.

The need to box came upon Malloy when she was watching Marlon Brando play former boxer Terry Malloy in *On the Waterfront*. Malloy became a role model whose independence and determination she admired, and she changed her name from Jennifer McCleery to Dallas Malloy and searched the Yellow Pages for a suitable gym.

She has taken a year out of school to train, lives at home and supports herself with part-time jobs — including playing classical piano at $8 an hour during meals in a retirement home. Since the age of 12, she has written poems and stories, and a series of novels, one of which has been sent to a publisher and rejected.

Her parents are baffled by the boxing obsession but agreed to help her with the legal fight to open boxing to women. Malloy clearly intends to be a celebrity, one way or another. "I've always kind of been ready," she said recently. "I'd think to myself, 'When I'm famous, this is what I'll say . . .' "

Many are puzzled at women's sudden interest in boxing, at the same time as the numbers of men are dwindling. The brain damage suffered by professional boxers, who do not use padded headgear, has been a turn-off, and women, surely, worry more about a three-times broken nose than men.

Not so, Malloy said to the *Seattle Times*, her knuckles raw from battering the punchbag. "I have people asking me, 'Aren't you worried about your pretty face?' like if I was ugly it wouldn't matter. People also keep asking me, 'Why do you want to do this?' Boxing is just one thing I do. It's a certain urge, but people just don't understand that.

They used to think women would die if they ran marathons. Of course women always could run marathons — they just didn't let them try. People tell me this is the hardest fight I'm ever going to have, just to get into the ring."

Her male colleagues at the gym have clearly got the message. On the wall, the graffiti includes this: "Dallas is a fast bimbo dame female butch babe gal chick bitch broad girl person woman lady boxer." All the words between "fast" and "boxer" have been crossed out.

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Nicholas Soames on love, potted shrimps — and a joyous life as a fatty at the ministry of food

'Nobody could say there is a thin man inside me trying to get out'


MICHAEL POWELL

Soames in love — he would not object to being compared with a pig in clover

Nicholas Soames MP, engaging and newly engaged to be married, would not object to being described as a pig in clover. "I adore pigs," he says, explaining the model of a spotted pig on his desk. "You know what my grandfather said: Dogs look up to human beings, cats look down on them, but a pig can look you right in the eye."

Seeing Soames in Whitehall is quite unlike most ministerial interviews. No bloody nonsense about minions sitting in taping the conversation. Feet up on the table after his very agreeable lunch with Sir Jerry Wiggin at the Turf Club. His own sporting prints adorning the walls. Champagne bottles from the small celebration of his engagement announcement that morning.

It was Paul and Ingrid Channon's daughter Georgia who decided he and Miss Smith were meant for each other. Serena, Oxford graduate and keen huntswoman, is almost his match in height — he is 6ft 3in — and his equal in spirit: when burgled recently in Sussex she went off to the Lanes in Brighton and retrieved her antiques, astonishing the police.

Romance blossomed after a hiatus while she strode over the Altai mountains of Russia ("She loves the wild places, a proper outdoor girl"). She is 34 and the daughter of the great public benefactor Sir John Smith, former Tory MP and founder of the Landmark Trust, which saves, restores and rents out historic ruins and follies.

Soames, at 45, can hardly believe his luck. He was already overwhelmed at his fortune in being at the Ministry of Agriculture, since country pursuits fill his happiest hours. "I really believe, like Trollope, that to be a member of parliament is the greatest thing on earth, the absolute summit of my ambitions. Anything else is the cream on top of an already very delicious cake."

When John Major appointed him minister of food there was general mirth, but also relief that the prime minister should welcome men about him that were fat, sleek-headed men and such as sleep o'nights. In a world of prim, abstemious politicians here was a food minister who said people should eat what they bally well like.

In Mary Soames's biography of Clementine Churchill he appears just once, in a letter where Lady Churchill describes nursery tea with her four-year-old grandson: "Giuseppe made the most



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delicious doughnuts and some twirly whirly things. Nicholas and I devoured the whole plate between us." One can imagine.

Yet Nickers, as his family call him, was a thin child, and a fit young Hussar. City lunches were his undoing. "Nobody would ever say, inside Nicholas Soames is a thin man trying to get out, there isn't" — removing jacket, revealing truth of statement and a charming pair of braces in duck-egg blue — "and although I know it makes for jolly jokes, it's a crashing bore if you both like food *and* have a tendency to put on weight; *jolly* unfair."

But he was happy to be photographed tucking in to six-year-old beef? "Well, the English have an anally-retentive paranoia about enjoying food and drink, extraordinary when you consider our rich heritage of food and the renaissance of high-class cooking. If I have to be photographed feeding my face to promote it, I will. I am the minister of food," he booms, "and it's not my job to sit there looking as if I eat bats' droppings."

So, he extols the speciality food producer and the efficient British farmer, taking a pragmatic approach to the more tedious EC regulations. If "the wonderful Mr Baxter of Morecambe Bay, who makes the best potted shrimps in Great Britain" has a problem with inspection requirements, Soames is the man to step in and resolve it.

But what wins him a vociferous fan club is not his protection of the potted shrimp but the fact that he so enlivens any room he enters, including the chamber of the House where he once accosted Dennis Skinner thus: "Look here, Skinner, I'm coming up to Derbyshire this weekend for some shooting with Andrew Devonshire. I thought I might look in on you — so you'd better lay in some gulls' eggs, that sort of thing, and get that wife of yours out of her curlers, all right?"

The Beast, who took this in good part, is greatly admired by Soames for his unwavering dedication and his mastery of Erskine May. "He's a formidable operator, always there, chuntering away below the gangway whenever a minister's on a bad wicket: 'Aye aye, another bluddy cover-oop'. And there's a wonderfully Cromwellian side to him: if Boots sent him a diary for Christmas he'd send it back."

It is this ability to amuse and embrace adversaries — he constantly calls Teresa Gorman an adornment, though disagreeing with her about almost everything; he misses Alan Clark's fascinating company even though "his politics were completely *tonto*" and he has a running joke with Paul Boateng over his expensive, unstructured suits: "Unstructured is the word: he's a very agreeable egg, Boateng, but his tailor really does need sharpening up" — that inspired the recent campaign to promote Soames as a possible next chairman of the Tory party.

The rest of us might feel an ebullient, breezy, booming figure is just what a lean, troubled party needs to boost morale. Soames frankly doubts it, though he wishes it were so, and was flattered by the notion. As he says, a donkey could have run a Tory party with a majority of 100, a booming economy and a Falkland factor. "But these are bloody difficult times, and I think Norman Fowler has done a bloody good job.

"I don't think the general public has any great affection for the Tory party, but they are meant to be good at government and to do that you have to be united. I really do believe in the traditional principle of one-nation Toryism and there is too much faction in the party today: but John Major at Blackpool laid out the ground on which everyone could camp."

Coffee is brought by Trish who dates back to Soames *père*'s days at the Min of Ag, 30 years ago. Cue to recall his father's sacking by Thatcher. Scorning the usual letter of specious fawning gratitude, Lord Soames wrote: "Dear Margaret, You have asked me to resign. This I hereby do. Yours, Christopher." "Wasn't that a poem?" says Soames the younger, who feels the lady entirely misread his father's character. "What I can't understand is how such a big woman can be so deeply chippy. Everybody was absolutely wrong except for her."

He takes up a long, knobbed stick with which he gestures and waves: "It's my comforter" since he gave up smoking when "my wonderful boy, Harry Soames" could first lisp out, 'I do wish you would stop smoking, father.' "Went to a hypnotist, never smoked since." But he still feels a dining table is incomplete without the aroma of the post-prandial cigar, the indulgence his mama would take to her desert island, as Lady Soames told Sue Lawley on *Desert Island Discs*.

Harry is at eight "a deeply politically incorrect child, I'm glad to say, heavily into weapons of war. A leading authority on *Sink the Bismarck* and *The Dam Busters* and could tell you more about the swordfish torpedo than Basil Liddell-Hart."

Like all the Soameses he speaks in ringing tones: "The dear old Labour party could have had our *balls* over that." "Oh don't be so ridiculous, never heard such balls in all my life. End of Nicholas Soames counselling service." "I won't have this rotting of civil servants, unsung glory of British life."

Whenever he feels he has blathered on too long about his belief in a non-federalist Europe *des patries* he shuts himself up with "Great Bores of Our Time, Nicholas Soames, volume one." "I know my limitations and I know I'm not very clever," he says, "but I'm not a complete buffoon and I do take my job incredibly seriously. I'm responsible for every horrid thing — BSE, animal health, animal welfare, the emotive badger legislation, a tricky portfolio, every inch of the road fraught with Pooh-traps. I sign literally hundreds of letters each week about animal welfare, which the British rightly feel very strongly about. Try telling our partners in Europe that the transport of animals is a moral and ethical question and they look at you with blank incomprehension."

Waving his stick, he said he thought beating up single mothers was quite frankly bad sport in which the Tory party should not indulge — "It's like saying what's wrong with Europe is making environmental health officers inspect cheeses" — but Lilley was absolutely right to stamp on foreign social security fraudsters, and Howard is at least getting off his arse and doing something about people's deepest anxieties.

A diary ruled by politics and sport, he says, is what scuppered his first marriage to Catherine Weatherall, who ran off with an Olympic skier. But "I am an extremely gregarious man, blessed with a wide circle of extremely hospitable friends" and he shoots and fishes by the season, cutting a frenetic swathe to country houses across the land, stopping off to speak on behalf of fellow Tories, playing his Trollope talking-book tapes, often accompanied by Harry and now by "this extremely understanding and tolerant girl who has generously consented to be my wife.

"But to view politics as a career is a fatal mistake. We could all be out on our scrawny necks in a few years." His far from scrawny neck, hanging on a majority of 7,000, is threatened by the Boundaries Commission, which will cruelly deprive him of six rural Tory wards. Never mind: tomorrow he will introduce Serena to constituents at the opening meet of the Crawley and Horsham hounds, and they will dance the night away at the Conservatives' annual ball: "a *feast* of fun," says Nickers.

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The Princess joins the tradition of reading as a style statement

It was enough to justify several headlines. "Diana on the track of culture", was the gist of the large print. And all because the Princess of Wales was carrying a copy of *The Economist* this week.

One has to take care. I first wrote: "And all because the Princess was *reading* a copy of *The Economist*." Whether she has absorbed its usual diet of leaders on the need for free markets and further leaders on the need for more free markets, we know not. But it is indisputable that, on a visit to Wales, she had a copy of the mag under her arm.

This is of interest to headline watchers. In the shifting seas of intellectual fashion, here is a pointer. We may in the past have thought of the Princess only as a setter of trends for frocks, but now she is helping every aspiring thinker decide what is appropriate reading when out on the town. It is *The Economist*, she has decided — like the Kennedys before her — which gives off just the right cultural vibes. It shows, at a glance, how highbrow we are.



The Princess and her mag

With the invention of the romantic novel in the 18th century, the book or journal as badge and style statement was born. By the late 18th century, Byronic wannabes were swooning Europe-wide in the wake of Goethe's *Werther*. No adolescent dandy would venture out without a slim volume obtruding obtrusively from his pocket.

Those who wished to present a more serious mien knew then the value of books of sermons and religious treatises. Sheridan's Lydia Languish hides a copy of *The Innocent Adulterer* when her guardian calls and displays a volume of sermons instead, and Marie-Antoinette perfected the art of reading racy fiction hidden inside her prayer book.

In the 19th century, it was French novels that spelt racy chic. Lord Morley was once so disgusted by one that he threw it out of the window of his train. By the second world war, every thinking soldier carried a copy of *Horizon*; after the war, *Encounter* held sway till it was discredited by the discovery that it was part-funded by the CIA.

This century the Scott Moncrieff translation of Proust was okay reading even in France; a volume of Joyce (probably *Finnegans Wake*); or some Dostoevsky in the original all give suitably intellectual signals. Nothing from a book club will do. More recently, South American writers with three unpronounceable names that have cedillas under them have done nicely.

But the fortunes of journals are more mercurial. While *New Statesman* for a while spelt radical left-wing chic, its star has waned as that of *Granta* has waxed. *The Spectator* had a good run under Alexander Chancellor and Charles Moore. But the smart literary set are perhaps less likely to leave it on their coffee tables now.

Nobody is suggesting you actually read the books or magazines, of course. As Richard Cobb said when a Booker prize judge to London's literati, he had never got beyond the first page of Proust or Joyce "never having read either".

How very refreshing. The Princess of Wales should not feel she has to read *The Economist* just because it may momentarily hold sway, she believes, in the intellectual firmament. Better to read as her fancy takes her. Reading is for pleasure, not to be undertaken to impress others with the trendiness of one's taste, only to be carried so as to show we know what is fashionable. Frank Johnson I'm told always carries a copy of Kennedy's Latin primer tucked in his pocket.

Silly me. As I peer closer at the picture of our Princess, I think I realise the wisdom of her ways. Tucked inside *The Economist*, I'm sure, is a copy of *Hello!*

RACHEL KELLY

I had known that the building would NOT have chained my bike to the railings.

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We won't make a drama out of a crisis.

Philip Howard



■ There's no reason not to be worried about the decline of English

We were taught that double negatives are a no-no. But language is more interesting than that. Neither the Greeks nor the French believe that two negatives to reinforce each other, spreading a thin Marmite of negative over the whole sentence instead of blobbing it on a single place.

Chaucer did it:

> He never yit no vileineye ne sayde
> In all his lyf, unto no maner wight.
> He was a verray parfit gentil knyght.

Nor was Shakespeare not averse to no-nos, give or take a negative or not, when he made King Claudius say: "Nor what he said, though it lacked form a little, / Was not like madness." Most of us do it by accident, when we say something like, "I shouldn't wonder if it didn't snow." It is prudent to avoid multiple negatives, because they make the heads of your audience alternate backwards and forwards like grumpy nodding Buddhas. "There is no reason to doubt what he says is not true." What we meant was, "There is no reason to doubt his statement *is* true." Multiple negatives produce and express confusion of thought.

But let it not be supposed neither that our trouble with these grammatical rules means that English is decaying. The debate over double negatives and the wickedness of "it's me" and "very unique" can be found three centuries ago. Grammar changes, and some fields of grammar, such as the double negative, have always tripped the crurally threatened. As Horace ought to have written: *O (c)rus, O quando ego te adspiciam!*

Conservative linguistic pessimists such as the education secretary think that English is going to the dogs, because the young can neither spell nor write correct grammar. My experience of young persons' writing suggests that the linguistic doomsters exaggerate the problem. The sixth-form book reviews I judged last week were grammatically impressive and livelier than the copycat stuff we churned out at that age, though I agree I may see the *crème de la crème*. And I think that decay is a misleading metaphor for what happens to language. The woods decay, the woods decay and fall. To suppose that language does is pathetic fallacy.

The pessimists have received powerful support in his inaugural lecture by Jonathan Powell, the new professor of Latin at Newcastle University, and one of the wittiest wordsmiths in the country. He made a fascinating comparison between the history of English and the 2,500-year history of Latin, and is reminded by the "bad" English written by students today of some of the Latin written during the Dark Ages, after the collapse of the Western Empire and of the old Roman education. Professor Powell guesses that English is replaying the events of the 9th century, and that its spoken varieties are starting to emerge as separate languages, just as Italian, French and the other Romance languages emerged as the offspring of Latin. English itself will persist, if at all, prophesies Powell, only as an artificially preserved classical language, as Latin has.

Professor Powell is a more formidable and rational opponent than other linguistic conservatives, and I hate to argue with a friend on his inaugural. But this sounds like poppycock. The centripetal forces working for a simplified standard English today were not there when the Roman Empire broke up. The printing press and agreed conventions of publication are immediately available all round the world, whereas the texts of the monastic copyists had a tiny, élite and mostly local circulation. Peasants in the paddy fields listen to the latest pop varieties of English, while demagogues are seen and heard at once around the world on television, instead of being confined to their local forum. Ordinary citizens holiday beyond their villages, taking their language with them. Of course there are local dialects and grammars, and many national forms of English. But I think the central core of English is becoming the world language, and that Shakespeare will be enjoyed in a hundred years from Calcutta to Los Angeles, though with different accents. Neither of us will be around to see who is right. He usually is. The right metaphor for language is not the dying swan, but the tide, which changes all the time while it ebbs and flows, but never neither progresses nor decays.



Returned: fate unknown

A mix-up in the mail has identified a group of refugees to the cruel regime in Vietnam, yet the West shows no mercy

Bernard Levin

John Philpot Curran put it much better than I could, so here is his version: "The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime, and the punishment of his guilt."

Someone in the story I shall now embark upon failed that first test; he dropped his guard for a moment, forgot that vigilance must be eternal, and so precipitated the dreadful consequences. Here goes.

You may remember (it wasn't more than a few years ago) the fierce struggle over the indigenous refugees from Vietnam who fetched up in Hong Kong. As their numbers swelled (a great number drowned — some of them tried to make it with boats that would be rejected on the Serpentine), the camps in which the refugees were settled became more and more crowded; the offshore islands of Hong Kong were sinking under their weight, and "still they gaz'd, and still the wonder grew . . ."

No wonder; because these people were fleeing *from* a dreadful tyranny, and fleeing *to* a democracy (a strange democracy, but yet a real one). But as the flood of refugees became an unstoppable one, it was decreed, in the British Foreign Office, that only a few of these people were fleeing because they had defied the totalitarian rulers of Vietnam and would be subjected to grim punishments if they went back. The rest of the flood, they were told, were not in fear of punishment for defiance of their rulers: they were only what were called "economic refugees". These were people who could live in Vietnam without being tagged as subversives, but of course with a very much lower standard of living than they would have in Hong Kong. The Foreign Office, amazingly skilled in sniffing, indeed different sniffings, laid down that, say, *this* family smelt of economic advancement, whereas *that* family smelt quite differently, demonstrating that they had been involved in Vietnamese politics, and therefore in danger if they went home. (As you may imagine, the Foreign Office delicately indicated that the number of economic refugees should be swelled enormously, while the political ones should be shrunk to a handful; and thus it was.)

At first, the refugees who were to be sent back were treated abominably; there were terrible fights, as men, women and children, were dragged, screaming, into the boats and planes; no wonder that the camp islands were out of bounds to journalists. Slowly, though, the resistance died down, and the poor devils who had risked their lives for a different existence went back to the existence they had had before. There were promises from the Foreign Office that those who had been sent back would be "monitored" — that is, observed — to see that the "returnees" were not persecuted. (The plan was ridiculous and could never have been thought anything else.)

Then someone made a mistake. It seems that it was made in the US Post Office, a most auspicious place to make a mistake, but its consequences could and can be terrible. Because of an envelope with insufficient information on it, the envelope and its contents were sent back to what was thought to be their origin; and that was the mistake. For the envelope contained a list of names of a group of anti-communists, people who had announced their defiance of communist Vietnam, and the United States mails sent it back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Very tiresome, no doubt, but since the group of anti-communists are not in Vietnam but remain in Hong Kong, no great harm will come to them. No, but if they are sent back to Vietnam, it is feared, and rightly feared, that very great harm will undoubtedly come to them, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), whose job it is to sift out those Vietnamese who would be persecuted for their political activity, *is adamant that they should be sent back.*

At the beginning of this lamentable business, there was some doubt over whether the missing envelope and contents really existed, and if they existed whether they were forged. The Hong Kong Postal Service wrote to its Vietnamese equivalent to authenticate the letter, and to everybody's astonishment, it got a reply. Here it is.

> Dear Sir: Referring to your letter N (3) in (5/93) in IMC/ENQ of 18 February 1993, we confirm that the indication "MIS-SENT TO HO CHI MINH CITY" on the address side of this airmail envelope and the "HO CHI MINH" postmark on the reverse side were genuine endorsements made by our services. Yours faithfully, The Deputy Director of post Viet Nam: Le Hong Khai.

Now for a digression, but a digression so real, so vivid, and so indicative that it must have an airing. It defines the nature of the personnel in the British Foreign Office and of the personnel in the French Foreign Office. There is an American, named Shep Lowman, who presides over an organisation that helps, or tries to help, refugees. His outfit is called the United States Catholic Conference, Migration and Refugee Services, and two men wrote to Mr Lowman. Here is the Frenchman, the assistant chief of mission:

> Dear Shep, Thank you for your letter of May 5, 1992, concerning the case of 39 Vietnamese asylum seekers and a letter allegedly misdirected to Ho Chi Minh City. May I take this opportunity to apologise for my delayed response. After investigation with our office in Ho Chi Minh City, it appears that the stamp "Mis-sent to Ho Chi Minh City" does exist in Vietnamese and French but not in English. In light of this information you may wish to draw the appropriate conclusion concerning the potential risk the people concerned could be exposed to on that basis if they are determined not to be refugees and are repatriated to their country of origin.

That from the Frenchman; now for the British representative:

> Dear Shep, Many thanks for your letter of 16 April. We are well aware of this group [the 39 in danger] and their claims. So are the UNHCR, who may wish to consider their case for refugee status under the High Commissioner's mandate. I have to say that there are several aspects to this case (which as you say was well publicised — deliberately?) which do not ring true, and we have some evidence for this. But as screening has now been completed for this group, this is something that falls to UNHCR rather than me to consider. Thank you for taking the trouble to write on this unusual case.

Well? You can smell the difference: the Frenchman's scent is helpful and human, the Englishman's stink defines the kind of creature that for years has infested our Foreign Office, and still does.

But that does not solve the problem of the 39 and their danger. In March of this year, in Vietnam, Professor Doan Viet Hoat was sentenced to 20 years because of his membership in a group called Freedom Forum, and at least seven more of the troupe were imprisoned for various terms; the Freedom Forum is very much the same kind of body as the 39 of the United Anti-Communist Group. What hope have the 39 if they are sent back?

For an answer, do not expect something hopeful from the UN officer Job van der Veen, who insists that the 39 do not come under the shelter of "a well-founded fear of being persecuted". Indeed, do not expect anything at all from Mr van der Veen, who seems to reply to every item of evidence with a rubber-stamp reading "I regret to have to inform you that after having looked at all possible aspects of their cases the conclusion was reached that they do not qualify for refugee status". Already, two of the group have been forcibly returned to Vietnam: one of them, Nguyen Thanh Hai, was bound and gagged throughout the flight. What has become of him, and what will, is unknown.

We are not talking now about the exodus of the early days, when the boat people came in floods to Hong Kong, seeking asylum or betterment or both. We are talking about 39 people who have publicly and vigorously stated that they hate and defy the communist Vietnamese regime, and want to see it brought down and democracy installed. The High Commissioner's representative is saying that in those conditions the 39 have nothing to fear from return, and he is reinforcing that mad conclusion by threats, almost certainly to be carried out, of repatriation — achieved by binding his prisoners hands and feet, and gagging their mouths.

There have been far greater crimes in this form; for instance, the hundreds of thousands delivered into Stalin's hands at the end of the war. But this crime somehow touches great depths of feeling. The Vietnam post office acted most correctly over the missing envelope; no doubt it will be just as thorough when it receives a parcel of human beings, tied and wrapped.

Further: Nguyen Thanh Hai has been interviewed and as yet has suffered no harm. We shall see.

EC in fog, France isolated

George Brock says French fears about Europe affect us all

Today's EC summit in Brussels will unroll in time-honoured fashion: sleek, wailing limousines and flocks of suits milling about amid the chaos of a Belgian public sector strike. The preliminaries have been equally traditional. No EC summit is complete without a last-minute "Franco-German initiative". A joint letter from President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl duly burst upon the world on Wednesday.

In the past, such letters have struck fear into Whitehall and thrilled British headline writers. Long experience taught that if the French and German leaders had cooked up a wheeze before the summit began, Britain was bound to be "isolated" before long. But events over the past year have broken this pattern, and the messages about France and Germany leading the EC into political and economic union irrespective of Britain have faded.

This week's pre-summit letter from Paris and Bonn has had all the galvanising effect of a damp sock. Apart from a florid outline of the Maastricht treaty, the letter proposes more frequent ministerial meetings in Brussels — hardly an idea with much political sex appeal. The French government apparently wants the ministers to keep a better check on the European Commission, but this is not what federalists want to hear. Starved of good news, they want their idols, Mitterrand, Kohl and Jacques Delors, to thump out the old-time religion about building a united Europe. Instead, France's prime minister, Edouard Balladur, has begun to sound a touch British in his suspicion of Brussels.

Everyone is thinking again about Europe, and the result is deep intellectual and political confusion. Today's summit will be downbeat because the Maastricht treaty was a compromise which enthusiasts for a federal Europe once believed was temporary. "You won this time, but we'll do it the next time round," a senior German negotiator told his British counterpart as they left the Maastricht summit almost two years ago. Would he be so confident today? Many treated the Danish refusal to ratify Maastricht as a temporary hiccup, but it ended with Denmark carving huge opt-outs in the Maastricht treaty. The German constitutional court endorsed the treaty, but also said loud and clear that nation states are the key elements of the international system. President Mitterrand survived a Maastricht referendum by a whisker. More than a year later, the extent of French doubt revealed by that vote still dominates the life of the Community.

The EC exists to assure Germany's immediate neighbours that the giant next door is no longer dangerous. The machinery of Brussels was fuelled for many years by French anxiety about Germany. French presidents skilfully wove France and the EC's interests together. As M Balladur put it to *Le Figaro* with startling candour yesterday: "If I am an advocate of the building of Europe, it is so that our country should be richer and its voice carry further."

But the French have begun to wonder whether that equation works. The manic-depressive French political class has recovered from the collective nervous breakdown it suffered when Germany was reunified, but it has not regained its poise in the face of an enlarged and more assertive neighbour. France is increasingly often isolated inside the EC over trade and economic policy; its position in Nato remains equally lonely. If a Gatt world trade deal is fixed before Christmas, French public opinion may shift decisively against the EC. Such a change would destroy France's entire post-war foreign policy.

British ministers may enjoy the prospect, but they should worry about France's broken dreams. Britain gains when the Franco-German "motor" of EC integration stutters, but along with the rest of Europe we stand to lose if the engine stops altogether.

Battersea gods' home

IS THERE no end to the humiliation to be heaped on Battersea power-station, the loved and lamented London landmark which has been abandoned to the elements for so long? The record company Polydor has just lodged a planning application to decorate Gilbert Scott's brick building with giant perspex models of the Bee Gees.

If Wandsworth council approves the application, three of the station's towers will be graced by brightly-lit, 40ft models of members of the band. The fourth tower will boast illuminated — and, the record company hopes, illuminating — information: "Legendary Bee Gees. 100 million records sold. Pure British Energy."

The council is somewhat surprised by the application to erect cut-outs of Maurice, Robin and Barry Gibb, who have just released an album *Size Isn't Everything*. But planners promise to consider the promotion in the very near future. "It's quite an extraordinary idea," says Guy Senior, chairman of the planning committee. "I don't know how the local residents would feel, but we would have to make sure they were properly secured. We don't want anyone felled by a flying Bee Gee."

Polydor hopes its power-station illuminations, to celebrate the family group's 30th anniversary, will rival the lights in Oxford Street. "We're hopeful we can get them up before Christmas. We wanted to do something really special and to brighten up people's lives. We're down on bended knees before the planners." Not in their nice white suits, one hopes.



● *Vikram Seth appears undaunted by Lord Gowrie's outburst against his lengthy novel* A Suitable Boy. *Not only has Seth just published a very much slimmer volume,* Beastly Tales — *animal stories in verse — but he has also delivered his first work for the theatre, a libretto, to the English National Opera. "It's called* Arion and the Dolphin *— he seems very knowlegeable about opera," says a spokesman. Who knows — now he no longer needs to worry about Sotheby's or the Booker, Gowrie might even make the first night, next summer.*

Housey housey

IT HAS everything one would expect of the perfect English house. But Darlington Hall, the country seat in Merchant Ivory's new film *Remains of the Day*, where the butler (Anthony Hopkins) hides his feelings for the housekeeper (Emma Thompson), is an illusion. The property is actually an amalgam of four of Britain's very best residences.

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The film-makers could not find a single house to fit the bill, so they combined bits of Dyrham Park near Bath, Corsham Court in Wiltshire, Powderham Castle in Devon, and Badminton House, the Duke of Beaufort's home in Avon. "The entrance front is from Dyrham and the staircase hall is Powderham. Many interior shots are at Corsham, but the servants' quarters are from Badminton," says Joe Friedman, Merchant Ivory's location consultant.

One can fully expect the former Piccadilly home of the Princess of Wales's family to feature in future Merchant Ivory films. For it was Friedman's meticulous research, published this week as a coffee-table book entitled *Spencer House*, that persuaded Lord Rothschild to undertake the property's restoration.

● *The government is clearly taking no chances over the likely impact of Kenneth Clarke's public spending cutbacks. Peter Lilley, social security secretary, and his under-secretary, Alistair Burt, were spotted yesterday treating George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to lunch. But one suspects it will take more than the institutional fare of the Carlton Club to bring the church back into the government's fold.*

Wrist reaction

PRACTICE may make perfect, but it doesn't necessarily make you any quicker. On home territory in Grantham yesterday, Baroness Thatcher managed to sign 494 copies of *The Downing Street Years* in a 90-minute stint at the Guildhall. That works out at about 10.9 seconds per autograph, only a few hundreths of a second faster than the 11 seconds she averaged at her Harrods debut ten days ago.

Despite a now well practised production line technique, the modest improvement in speed still left 500 of Grantham's finest disappointed before she moved on to Oxford, the last British stop in her promotional tour.

There she celebrated her visit to the university town that refused her an honorary doctorate with a speech at the Sheldonian, a champagne reception hosted by Blackwell's at Bleinham Palace — and another reprint order for 20,000 copies.

● *Sir Bernard Ingham, Thatcher's veteran bruiser of a press secretary, has put his weight behind demands for strengthening John Major's team in Downing Street. Writing for the public relations firm Hill & Knowlton, he praises his successor, Gus O'Donnell, but adds the principle: "A civil service chief press secretary cannot do the job of the party in office for it." It never seemed to stop Ingham trying.*

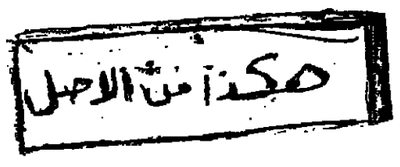


Know the face, but...

Promotion to supermodel status does not come easily, but Holly Scott (*left*), a striking blonde who recently modelled underwear for Sock Shop, appears to have achieved it overnight — courtesy of the *Daily Express*.

A large photograph of Scott appeared in yesterday's edition of the paper. Unfortunately the picture accompanied a story explaining how Claudia Schiffer (*right*) was threatening to "go to the highest court in the US to stop publication of an eight-page *Penthouse* spread".

The model agency Elite Premier, which acts for both models, was understandably perplexed at the case of mistaken identity. "We all tell her she looks like Claudia, but everyone knows she isn't. She is a very good model and does very well. It's very complimentary, a sort of endorsement I suppose." But would Claudia approve? "She probably would not be too pleased." Which perhaps explains why enquiries yesterday about the mishap were being directed to the newspaper's lawyers.



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FOOTLOOSE IN BRUSSELS

The EC's pointless diplomatic set-pieces are an embarrassment

Douglas Hurd need not fret. If there are any "blasts of trumpets" in Brussels today, the clamour is more likely to come from demonstrating Belgian workers than from the European Community summit allegedly called to celebrate the birth of the European Union. The Belgian prime minister, Jean-Luc Dehaene, may well end up being as embarrassed by this pointless diplomatic set-piece as John Major was a year ago when his equally redundant "emergency summit" in Birmingham, called in panic after sterling's forced exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM), gave his EC colleagues a ringside view of his discomfiture over the botched pit closures plan.

The less point there is to such gatherings, the grander the claims politicians feel obliged to make for them. It seems hard to believe that Mr Major was really fool enough to believe that a day's chat in Birmingham would, as he then demanded, "end the economic and political turbulence" in the EC. M Dehaene's call for a grand "relaunching of European integration" seems even further removed from reality.

The Belgian presidency's federalist enthusiasm no doubt precluded cancellation of this non-event; but a frank letter of invitation would have read as follows.

"Dear Colleagues:

You pencilled October 29 into your diaries in early August, when the ERM collapsed in all but name. It was supposed to be an "emergency summit" to put monetary union back on track. Since EMU has been retreating ever since — we had to admit soon afterwards that it was unrealistic even to revert to the narrow-band fluctuations in the ERM — we should really have cancelled the meeting. But as some of us discovered in August, there is no gainsaying Helmut when he sets his jaw, and he has absolutely insisted on converting the wake for EMU into a birthday party for the Treaty on European Union. Besides, it would have looked bad for us simply to have announced that we had no business to discuss.

"We must, of course, say something about the EC's "growth initiative". But the painful truth is that we have no ideas ready for getting our economies out of recession and our nearly 20 million unemployed back to work — the questions that really matter to our voters, and the subject of the proper EC summit in December. The best we can do on Friday is to sound relentlessly upbeat, with much talk of the immediate implementation of Maastricht. We had better not discuss changes to the voting rules for European councils: that would only advertise the fact that we small countries are at loggerheads with France, Germany and Britain on this subject. As for Gatt, the less said the better. I hear that François and Helmut are planning yet another "joint initiative": friends, I beg you, stick to the uncontroversial.

"Conversely, I attach the greatest importance to speedy agreement to place the European Monetary Institute in Frankfurt — both to please the Germans, who are becoming alarmingly tetchy about parting with the mark, and to maintain the illusion that EMU is on track. Such window-dressing is all the more important, as I understand that John would flatly oppose any attempt to confirm the original EMU timetable. I will do my level best to see that we all get a fair share of the other new EC institutions: even if we have no new policies, we can at least share out the birthday presents.

"In conclusion, dear friends, Belgium remains absolutely committed to the strategic goal of a federal Europe. But even we recognise that there is a time to *réculer pour mieux sauter*. I rely on your *solidarité* — and our mutual interest in rescuing the Union's rather tattered image among our voters by a display of resolute optimism and harmony."

Alas for M Dehaene, the centrepiece of the Franco-German initiative is a proposal for still more frequent EC meetings, albeit at junior foreign minister level. The most useful idea to come out of this summit would be a ban on wasting prime ministers' time on "emergencies" and "celebrations". Summits are for taking decisions, not for camouflaging their absence. Who better to propose this modest bow to common sense than Britain? There is joy in every sinner that repenteth.

POLICING SHEEHY

Reforming the police will test the home secretary

Michael Howard's response to the Sheehy report on police pay and conditions yesterday was more ambitious than his critics had predicted and less so than the report's champions had hoped. By endorsing most of the enquiry's best proposals, the home secretary has launched a much-needed overhaul of an employment structure rooted in the Victorian era. He has listened to the sensible objections of the police without surrendering the central objectives of the report.

The highly acrimonious consultation period since Sir Patrick Sheehy's enquiry delivered its 272 recommendations in July has been ill-suited to sound discussion of policy. Deftly exploiting the instinctive reluctance of Conservatives to antagonise the police, the unions mounted a fierce campaign against the proposals. Enlisting the help of his Labour shadow, Tony Blair, they warned darkly that the Sheehy programme would jeopardise the maintenance of law and order. As the battle against crime rose to the top of the political agenda, nervous Tory backbenchers joined the chorus urging Mr Howard to perform a U-turn.

This he has not done. Instead, the home secretary has over-ruled the letter of the report where the arguments against were strong, while adhering in general to its spirit. Sir Patrick's proposals for fixed term contracts, which have been the main *casus belli* with the police service, will now apply only to senior officers. With increased devolution of authority, there is a fair case for making a chief constable explicitly accountable for performance over a five-year period; there is no case whatsoever for forcing a constable on the beat through such hoops.

At that level, it is the strength of disciplinary procedures that count. Mr Howard has already announced reforms which should make it easier to sack incompetent officers and combat the assumption that the police service offers a job for life. These must complement performance-related pay, which the Home Secretary has rightly agreed should be linked to appraisal rather than crude indicators such as number of arrests. He should nonetheless heed the warning of the Police Federation that proper appraisal will be costly.

Other matters Mr Howard has deferred or left unclear. He has rejected Sir Patrick's recommendation that police pensions be made conditional upon 40 years of service but has delegated the broader question of pension arrangements to review. The starting pay of new police officers will not, as proposed, be reduced by £2,000 — but has yet to be settled. Overtime will be abolished for inspectors but the entitlements of other ranks will be put to the police negotiating board. It is vital that the home secretary resolve these questions as quickly as possible.

Having weathered the political storm of the Sheehy report comparatively well, Mr Howard now faces the even more daunting task of implementation. He must ensure that the abolition of three senior ranks really does put more officers on the beat. He must explain how he will meet the considerable severance costs implicit in his proposals. Above all, he must respect the police service's belief in vocation, while introducing the market disciplines and performance measurements which characterise a true profession. It is to the home secretary's credit that he has preserved so many of the principles enshrined in the original report. The test of his response will be the courage with which they are put into practice.

KEEP THE CHANGE

London's taxis must not be driven out of business

Britain can boast only a few institutions which are the envy of the world. London taxis are one of them. Not only does their shape define the capital's identity as distinctively as the double-decker bus, Big Ben or the Palace of Westminster: their drivers have a skill on the road and a knowledge of the city unrivalled by those of any other country. If the transport department is to reform the laws regulating taxis and minicabs, it must ensure that London's black cabs will not vanish from the streets as a result.

The balance of regulation that keeps black cabs in business while allowing a huge minicab industry to thrive alongside is a delicate one. Licensed taxis are more expensive than minicabs because the drivers' costs are higher. Their cabs cost over £20,000 to buy and have to be maintained to a far more demanding standard than minicabs. In London, where there is no regulation at all of minicabs, taxi drivers claim that many are uninsured and are driven by people who are claiming unemployment benefit.

But if black cabs are more expensive, they have distinct advantages for the passenger. Unlike minicabs, they can ply for hire, either by cruising the streets or waiting in ranks. They are obliged to accept any hiring of up to six miles within the Metropolitan Police District. After about two years spent studying the city, taxi drivers have an encyclopaedic knowledge of its myriad streets. And the drivers and vehicles are rigorously vetted. Passengers can feel safe.

Many London cabbies prefer the minicab industry to be unregulated. If a minicab driver attacks a passenger, more people will be deterred from the cheaper option. But minicabs serve a purpose too. For simple journeys needing no great geographical knowledge, they provide better value than black cabs. And their sheer numbers — between 40,000 and 60,000 in London — mean that one is usually available within minutes.

However, the government does have some responsibility for passenger safety. Outside London, 95 per cent of councils license local minicabs. Some drivers are subject to criminal record checks and some have to pass the same topographical tests as taxi drivers. London's minicab drivers do not ply for trade on the street and should not be subject to heavy regulation. But passengers have a right to be reassured that every minicab driver is at least properly insured and has not been convicted of a violent or sex crime, or a serious driving offence. Regulation in London should be minimal, but for the passenger's protection, it should exist.

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Doubts cast on merit of 30-year rule

From Dr Anthony Glees

Sir, The publication of the memoirs of Lady Thatcher, and those of so many other members of her various governments, raises the important question of the continued validity of the 30-year rule which, since 1967, has regulated the publication of confidential and secret government papers.

If ministers, who can hardly be considered wholly objective, are free to publish their accounts of contemporary history, and if, as is frequently the case, the one account conflicts with the other or with received knowledge on the subject, it must be in the public interest to have government records of the periods in question made freely available for examination now, rather than in 2024. History is far too important for it to be written solely by the politicians involved.

Two examples, amongst many, make the point. Lady Thatcher offers what amounts to an entirely new account of aspects of the Falklands war, based on secret intelligence which 11 years later is still unavailable to the public, in order to justify her decision to sink the *Belgrano* in 1982 (pp 214-5). Such justification is something that, properly, can only be done for her, and can be achieved only if students of her government are given the same access to the evidence that she possessed.

Secondly, much has been made by Lady Thatcher of her anxieties on Germany. She suggests that these only became serious in 1990, causing her to seek a "slowing down" of unification (p 795) because "by its very nature, Germany is a destabilising .. force in Europe" (p 791).

This directly contradicts the account provided by Mr Kenneth Baker in his memoirs, *The Turbulent Years*, where he speaks of "improving relations with Germany" in 1990 which had been "dented ... by a widespread misconception in [Germany] that the British and Mrs Thatcher were opposed to reunification" (p 348ff). Misconception (Baker)? Or truth (Thatcher)?

About the Falklands, about Germany, about the Thatcher era, we, the people, have an unqualified right to know precisely what happened and what was said by whom at the time. It is an insult to our intelligence — indeed, to our democracy — to have to rely on contradictory accounts from politicians, defending their reputations. The public records for Lady Thatcher's period of office should now, immediately, be placed into the public domain, so that its true history may be composed.

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Bid for drugs agency

From Professor Sir William Asscher and others

Sir, The special summit of EC heads of government on October 29 is, we understand, likely to decide on the location of a number of EC institutions, including the European Medicines Evaluation Agency (EMEA). We write to underline how much the United Kingdom stands to gain if the EMEA is secured for this country.

We are fortunate to have a strong pharmaceutical industry. In a world market of £80 billion for branded medicines the UK has 3.5 per cent of sales, 5 per cent of production and 8 per cent of worldwide research and development.

This provides the UK with exports worth £3 billion and an export surplus of £1.3 billion. It also provides 87,000 high-quality jobs, of which 18,000 are in research. We must keep our leading position in this sort of research, science and high technology-based industry if we are to retain our place as a prominent industrial nation.

Siting the EMEA here is thus very important to the UK and its pharmaceutical industry. There is, first, the obvious advantage of the extra jobs. Other effects are of much greater significance. Were the EMEA to be sited elsewhere in Europe we would lose investment and jobs in the industry.

Siting the EMEA here will give us an additional edge in securing and keeping investment. If the US experience when the Food and Drugs Administration was located in Washington is anything to go by, the total number of new British jobs is likely to run into thousands.

A recent pharmaceutical industry poll of the top 39 drug companies worldwide showed an overwhelming preference for London as the site of the EMEA.

Yours faithfully,
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Fully prepared

From the Managing Director of Vickers Defence Systems

Sir, With respect to Christopher Lee (letter, October 21), even better qualified men than he have sought to write off weapon systems that later proved essential to Britain's survival.

We have a letter in our archives noting that in 1936 the Master General of the Ordnance, General Sir Hugh Elles (who led the tanks to their first great victory at Cambrai in 1917), had decided that the tank was defunct because it would never be able to outmatch developments in anti-tank weapons.

Fortunately, he changed his mind shortly afterwards and Britain did possess a viable tank force in the second world war. Most recently, the Gulf war reaffirmed that the tank is the only weapon system in our armed forces' inventory that can take and hold ground from an enemy equipped with tanks.

Interestingly, proposals to dispose of key military resources tend to crop up routinely in a "weak piping time of peace": H. G. Wells wrote off the submarine in 1902 and Marshal Foch said in 1911 that aeroplanes were interesting toys but of no military value.

If anything, the lessons of history should teach us to be sceptical about contemporary "expert opinion", particularly where defence is concerned.

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Migraine syndrome

From Professor P. J. Roberts

Sir, The underlying causes of migraine attacks are proving elusive although, as Ian Robertson points out in his article of October 12, "So much more than a headache", there is no shortage of suggestions.

These are often seemingly implausible and I was somewhat surprised to find "Chinese restaurant syndrome" raising its head again.

There is general scientific agreement that there is little or no evidence that this syndrome exists, and certainly not for any involvement of monosodium glutamate. As the British Migraine Association advises, sufferers may discover an emerging pattern of possible triggers by logging everything they do, eat or drink in the days preceding an attack. Only then might it be possible to identify and eliminate what might have caused the attack.

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Commonwealth values

From Sir Richard Luce, Chairman, The Commonwealth Foundation

Sir, Having just returned from the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Cyprus, I am absolutely clear that in recent years the British people have forgotten about the Commonwealth (leading article, October 21). Very few of the younger generation know much about it. The British government gives the impression that it has other preoccupations. That is compounded by the decision to stop supporting the Commonwealth Institute (letters, October 13, 18, 19).

The time has come to reappraise the value of the Commonwealth and to spark the imagination of the younger generation in Britain. The old hang-up about the Empire is more or less over; the squabbles about South Africa and sanctions are ended; the hypocrisy about standards of democracy and human rights is diminishing.

There are two strong advantages in Britain's membership. First, it costs HMG very little but gives us a special link with a unique collection of 50 nations. The fact that they make up a quarter of the globe's population, with a total cross-section of culture, religion and standard of development, provides the British with a special insight into a wide range of world problems and a little more influence and support sometimes in crisis. Our Commonwealth link was invaluable following the Argentinian invasion of the Falklands in 1982.

Secondly, there is a vast and unique network of contact between the people of the Commonwealth fostered by the provision of scholarships and fellowships and the work of many Commonwealth professional organisations. Recently representatives from over 500 universities in the Commonwealth were able to meet in Swansea.

Commonwealth members of Parliament are able to meet each other through the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (letter, October 23). No one should underestimate what all this contact can do for greater understanding in a sorely troubled world. This is truly a people's Commonwealth — the value is unquantifiable and unsung but it is priceless.

We would all gain from a new sense of interest from the British government and people. The threat to close the Commonwealth Institute must be used as an opportunity to explore new ways to educate the younger generation and to stimulate new interest in the Commonwealth in this post-imperial age. We all need each other.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LUCE, Chairman,
The Commonwealth Foundation,
Marlborough House,
Pall Mall, SW1.
October 25.

Tax measures in the next Budget

From Mr John Horam, MP for Orpington (Conservative)

Sir, Rodney Atkinson is making a good point when he demonstrates (letter, October 25) that removing (or more practically, scaling down) reliefs on mortgage interest and pension fund contributions would yield much more than imposing VAT on fuel, after compensating vulnerable groups.

So would leaving personal allowances at their present level for a further year, lowering their value for higher tax payers as urged by the Institute of Fiscal Studies, or eliminating the tax relief on profit-related pay, which is rapidly turning into a racket.

All of these also avoid two particular disadvantages of VAT on fuel: it hits especially the elderly and the needy and constitutes a very clear-cut extension of the tax base (especially if VAT is extended further in the Budget) which takes pressure off restraining the growth in public spending.

This is of course the real problem. Public spending went up by 8 per cent this year and is due on present government plans to rise by 6 per cent next year, and 6 per cent the year after. It is appalling that this should be happening when the private sector has spent the last few years cost-cutting relentlessly.

It is also increasingly apparent that any increase in tax in this Budget should be minimal, if the economy is not to drop back into recession.

The government may feel that to go back on VAT on fuel would demonstrate weakness. But if the overall Budget package is sensible, and addresses the deficit issue firmly, I doubt if this would be the case. I think there would be widespread approval, followed by an improvement in the government's fortunes.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HORAM,
House of Commons.
October 25.

From Mr David Black

Sir, Your leader, "Budget agenda" (October 15), suggests that the abolition of mortgage tax relief, coupled with a 2 per cent cut in the base rate, would make virtually every homeowner in Britain "better off after the abolition of mortgage relief than before".

Anyone with an existing fixed-rate mortgage — and a sizeable proportion of recent mortgages take this form — would not benefit from a reduction in the base rate and would clearly be worse off.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BLACK,
10 Elmtree Green,
Great Missenden,
Buckinghamshire.
October 16.

From Mr Owen M. Jubb

Sir, In preparing the ground for curbs on the welfare state and review of benefits (report, October 14) Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, compares the situation in our EC partner countries, but he and so many of his predecessors have chosen to ignore how they treat their pensioners without discrimination between the sexes on pension ages.

Moreover, as it seems that state-provided welfare benefits for the needy are to be cut, state-tolerated benefits such as Peps, company cars, expense accounts and exotic pension and redundancy schemes should be withdrawn from the affluent. They all help to reduce appreciably the revenue from both income tax and national insurance contributions.

Yours faithfully,
O. M. JUBB
(Honorary Chairman, British Pensioners' Action Force),
1 St Anne's Close, Pittville,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
October 22.

Maturity in politics

From Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark

Sir, I read with approval Peter Riddell's article ("They put their careers first", October 25) criticising the perpetual growth of the "political class" which I have always believed was damaging to a democratic and well run country.

Too many people are entering Parliament not to be a good constituency MP or, as a backbench MP certainly ought to be, to check the growing power of the executive. Their main ambition is to join the executive and that can only happen if you vote and act as instructed.

The best advice I had were the words of wisdom passed on to me by my friend Peter Walker and that was to make enough money to be able to be independent before you become an MP. I followed that advice and so became an MP in my 40s and had, at times, a tempestuous relationship with the whips' office, particularly over the notorious poll tax.

I am not certain even now if, had I been younger and my whole future depended upon preferment, I would have been as robust or steadfast.

We must make more room for the over 40s who have experienced the outside world.

The flush of youth has its place but so has middle age and real independence of mind and action.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BEAUMONT-DARK
(MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, 1979-92),
124 Lady Byron Lane,
Knowle, Solihull,
West Midlands.
October 25.

Buses to the rescue

From Mr Terence Bendixson

Sir, European cities, with their dense, busy, historic centres, cannot flourish without dependable buses, trams and trains. Yet with notable exceptions such as Manchester's new congestion-free tramway, public transport in Britain's main provincial cities is in decline.

In the West Midlands, for instance, the buses carry seven passengers for every ten they carried in 1986, bus fares have risen at about twice the rate of inflation and car traffic has grown annually at about 10 per cent.

Some of the decline in bus travel is undoubtedly due to the recession but the chief cause is deregulation. No fewer than 61 companies provide a bewildering choice of services.

The buses should continue to be run by private firms but routes, fares, timetables and information should be the responsibility of the local authorities.

Contractors successfully collect rubbish, tend parks and perform many other duties to the specification of city councils. City bus services could be run in the same way.

To do so would be economical and, coupled with widespread priorities for buses over other traffic, start a renaissance in public transport.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE BENDIXSON
(President),
The Pedestrians Association,
126 Aldersgate Street, EC1.
October 23.

Banning the hunt

From Mrs Doreen Cronin

Sir, I proposed the successful members' resolution brought to the 1990 annual general meeting of the National Trust referred to in Simon Jenkins's article ("Persuade, don't outlaw", October 23). It sought only to end the hunting of deer with hounds on National Trust land.

If Simon Jenkins's views had been followed to their logical conclusion we would never have had legislation to ban cock-fighting and badger and bear-baiting.

Two reputable national opinion polls resulted in over 80 per cent of those questioned stating that the trust should honour the successful members' vote. Because it has not done so over 14,000 members have resigned since 1991, citing the hunting issue as the cause. Many more may have allowed their membership to lapse without giving a reason, resulting in large sums being lost to the trust. Mr Jenkins conveniently does not comment upon this.

Yours faithfully,
DOREEN CRONIN,
High Feather, Weacombe Road,
West Quantoxhead,
Nr Taunton, Somerset.

'Feckless' fathers

From Mr Mike Rumble

Sir, MPs are apparently concerned (report, October 27) that the Child Support Agency is chasing middle-class men who are already paying instead of "feckless fathers on council estates". Mr Major, it seems, has a long way to go in persuading other members of his party that we should live in a classless society.

Yours sincerely,
MIKE RUMBLE,
216 Abington Avenue, Northampton.
October 27.

From Mr M. G. Longley

Sir, I was somewhat bemused to read that a spokeswoman of the CSA had referred to an absent father as a "client". I regard *my* clients as people *for* whom I act, not against.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL LONGLEY,
3 Regis Court, Marylebone, NW1.
October 27.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 28: *His Excellency Mr Seydou Madani Sy and Mrs Sy were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Senegal to the Court of St James's.*

His Excellency Señor Paulo-Tarso Flecha De Lima and Señora Flecha de Lima were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Señor José Juan de Olloqui was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United Mexican States to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Señor Jorge Castro-Valle (Minister/Deputy Head of Mission), Señor Martin Brito (Minister/Consul General), Señor Raúl Ortiz y Ortiz (Minister, Cultural Affairs), General Benjamin Pacheco (Military and Air Attaché), Vice Admiral Miguel Núñez-Ehuan (Naval Attaché), Señor Pedro Valázquez (Counsellor, Communications and Transport), Señor Jorge Gamboa (Counsellor, *Information and Travel*) and Señor Guillermo Lombera (Counsellor, Commercial Affairs).

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr Justice Bell was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

Colonel Alan Pemberton was received by The Queen and delivered up his Stick of Office as Lieutenant of The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard.

The following officers of The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were received by Her Majesty: Colonel Greville Tufnell who delivered upon his Stick of Office as Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant and received his Stick of Office upon his appointment as Lieutenant, Colonel Shaun Longsdon who delivered up his Stick of Office as Ensign and received his Stick of Office upon his appointment as Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant, Major Charles Marriott who delivered up his Stick of Office as Exon and received his Stick of Office upon his appointment as Ensign and Major Thomas Wills who received his Stick of Office as Exon.

Colonel *Jeremy Smith-Bingham* was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Silver Stick in Waiting.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 28: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, received Lieutenant-Colonel *Robert Stewart upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding* Officer, 1st Battalion, and Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Page upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, held a meeting on the achievements of the Action Resource Centre and their new partnership with Business in the Community at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Macmillan Nurse Appeal, and The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, this afternoon attended a Luncheon to mark the appointment of the One Thousandth Macmillan Nurse at the Berkeley Hotel, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, London SW1.

Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Marylebone Centre Trust, later visited the Trust and the Centre for Community Care and Primary Health, 33 Queen Anne Street, London W1.

The Prince of Wales, President, Royal Shakespeare Company, this evening gave a Shakespeare Evening at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon visited Wirral and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Alan Waterworth).

Her Royal Highness visited St *Catherine's Hospital, Birkenhead, and opened the Wirral Heart Support* Centre.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon later visited Bebington Day Centre.

Her Royal Highness then visited St Andrew's Parish Church, Bebington, in connection with its 900th Anniversary.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 28: The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, The Gloucestershire Regiment, today visited the 1st Battalion at Alma Barracks, Catterick Camp, North Yorkshire.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 28: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon opened the new premises of Boosey and Hawkes Music Publishers Limited, The Hyde, Edgware Road, London NW9.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 28: Princess Alexandra, attended by Lady Mary Mumford, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon from Vienna.

Her Royal Highness, Patron of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, *this evening attended a Reception to* mark the efforts of the Metropolitan Police Company Fraud Department in support of the Adventure Group of the Association of Draper's Hall, London EC2.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Observing the night sky in November

By Michael J Hendrie
Astronomy Correspondent

MERCURY is at inferior conjunction on the 6th and then becomes a morning star reaching greatest western elongation (20deg) on the *22nd when the -0.6 magnitude* planet will rise two hours before the Sun.

Venus also rises two hours before the Sun early in the month but will be rising in morning twilight by late November. It will be four degrees north of the bright star Spica on the 2nd, and will make close approaches to Mercury and Jupiter (see below).

Mars is 1.4 magnitude but sets only minutes after the Sun and will not be visible again this year.

Jupiter is in Virgo rising by 04th 30m by the 30th.

Saturn is the only planet visible in the evening sky. In Capricornus, the 0.8 magnitude ringed planet sets by 22h late in November. Crescent Moon to the north on the 20th.

Uranus and Neptune are close together in Sagittarius and in the southwestern evening sky, setting by 19h in late November, but both require optical aid for identification. Moon to the north on the 18th.

The Moon: last quarter, 7d 07h; new Moon, 13d 22h; first quarter, 21d 02h; full Moon, 29d 07h.

Sunset on the 1st is at 16h 35m and on the 30th at 15h 50m while sunrise is at 06h 50m and 07h 45m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 18h 30m and 17h 55m early and late in the month and begins again at 05h 00m and 05h 45m.

Algol, the eclipsing variable star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours and can be seen near its faintest about the following times in November: 2d 23h, 5d 20h, 20d 04h, 23d 01h, 25d 22h and 28d 19h.

There are two eclipses in November. The partial eclipse of the Sun on the 13th will not be visible from the British Isles but only from parts of the Southern Ocean, Antarctica, Australasia and southern South America.

The total eclipse of the Moon on the night of the 28th/29th will be visible from the British Isles and much of the area bordering the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. The Moon will be in Taurus and well placed for observation at the start of the eclipse with the Moon entering the umbra or darker part of the Earth's shadow at 04h 40m on the morning of the 29th. The eclipse will be total from 06h 02m until 06h 50m, with mid-eclipse at 06h 26m. During this time the Moon will be totally within the umbra, though twilight will begin to interfere with observations from about 06h 30m and the Moon will be getting rather low in the sky. It is impossible to predict how dark the eclipse will be.

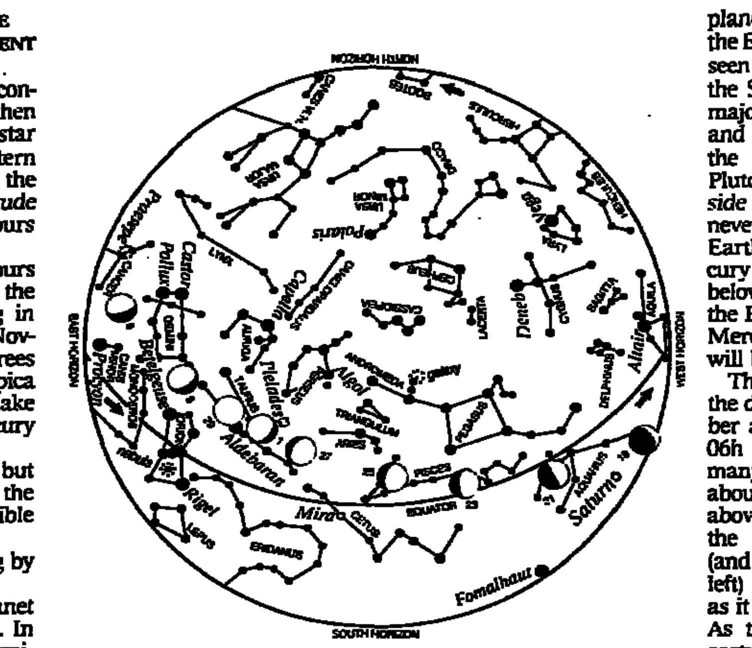
Sometimes the totally eclipsed Moon can be seen a light grey or orange colour while on other occasions the Moon can be so dark as to be almost invisible with the naked eye. Much depends on the cloudiness and dust content of the Earth's atmosphere where the sunlight passes through it before reaching the Moon.

The transit of Mercury on the 6th will end before sunrise in western Europe being visible only from the Indian Ocean and western Pacific areas.

A *transit occurs when a* planet passes directly between the Earth and the Sun and it is seen as a black disc against the Sun's bright face. Of the major planets, only Mercury and Venus can be seen thus, the planets from Mars to Pluto being at all times out*side the Earth's orbit and so* never coming between the Earth and Sun. Usually Mercury and Venus pass above or below the Sun as seen from the Earth. The next transit of Mercury visible from the UK will be in May 2003.

Three planets can be seen in the dawn sky during November and, with it still dark at 06h 30m, at a time when many are already up and about. Venus will be just above the bright star Spica on the 1st, passing eastwards (and downwards towards the left) on successive mornings as it moves closer to the Sun. As the Sun is also moving eastwards by a degree each day, Venus will not catch up with it before the end of the year.

Jupiter will be just to the left of Spica throughout the month and Venus will pass a degree to the north of Jupiter on the 8th/9th. The very thin waning crescent Moon will be near the two planets and below Spica on the 12th. Mercury will be just to the east (left) of Venus by the 13th and during the remainder of November Mercury and Venus will be on parallel courses as they move closer to the Sun, Venus keeping ahead of Mercury so by the 28th the planets will be spaced out Venus (-3.8 mag), Mercury (-0.5 mag) and Jupiter (-1.7 mag), Venus being lowest in the sky. Apart from Spica, to the west of the planets by mid-month, there are no bright stars in this part of the sky, so identification of Mercury should not be difficult, though it will require a clear sky as the planets will be near the horizon.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the *latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the* middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.A. Burroughs and Miss K.J. Kavan
The engagement is announced between Nigel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Burroughs, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Katrina, eldest daughter of Mrs Jill Kavan and the late Mr Dudley Kavan, of Weston-Super-Mare, Avon.

Mr J.D. Freeman and Miss D.J. Vaughan-Arbuckle
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, second son of Mr David Freeman, of Willaston, Cheshire, and Mrs Ann Freeman, of Little Neston, Cheshire, and Desdemona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Vaughan-Arbuckle, of London.

Mr N.H.W. Gooch and Miss M.S. Laws
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Richard C.W. Gooch, of Dorchester, and Madeline, daughter of the late George W. Laws and of Mrs Sheila Shepherd, of Salisbury.

Mr R.J.R. Housley and Miss H.S. Shillito
The engagement is announced between Richard, *second son of* Mr and Mrs Michael Housley, of Chigwell, Essex, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Shillito, of Chigwell, Essex.

Mr J.D.H. Jackman and Miss P.L. Beasley
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, only son of Mr and Mrs K.D. Jackman, of Christchurch, Dorset, and *Penelope, only daughter* of Mr and Mrs D.G. Beasley, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

Mr P.J.R. Kerry and Miss P.A. Ward
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Sir Michael and Lady Kerry, of Scaynes Hill, Sussex, and Pippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Ward, of Aldeby, Norfolk.

Dr D.H. McKee and Miss A.P.S. Gordon
The engagement is announced between David, son of the Rev Hugh and Mrs McKee, of Wakefield, Yorkshire, and Arabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Strathearn Gordon, of Newport, Essex.

Mr J.P. Ponsonby and Miss S.N. Marshall
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Sir Ashley and Lady Martha Ponsonby, of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and Serena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Marshall, of Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr J.M.B. Yalden and Miss E.A.S. Walker
The engagement is announced between John Michael Bentley, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Yalden, of Godalming, Surrey, and Eva Alison Susan, only daughter of the late Mr Eric Walker and of Mrs Rita Walker, of Theydon Bois, Essex.

Marriages

Mr J.R. Carey and Miss A.C. Royle
The marriage took place on Wednesday, October 27, at Horsham Register Office, between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Carey, of Sydney, Australia, and Amanda, youngest daughter of Mr Peter Royle, of South Chailey, Lewes, East Sussex, and Mrs David Gibbs, of Plummers Plain, Horsham, West Sussex.

Mr M.P.N. Creagh and Miss S. Twyman
The marriage took place on October 23, 1993, at St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Winchester, of Michael, son of Colonel and Mrs J.P.N. Creagh, of Weald, Kent, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Twyman, of Bournville, West Midlands. Father *Michael Leamy officiated.*

The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Katie Shaw and Natasha Creagh. Mr Christopher Ringrose-Voase was best man.

A reception was held in Sparsholt and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D.C.B. Glencairn Campbell and Mrs L.A. Griffiths
The marriage took place on Friday, October 22, at St Michael's, Elmley Lovett, Worcestershire, of Mr Diarmid Glencairn Campbell, son of the late Brigadier Walter Glencairn Campbell and the late Lady Muir Mackenzie, and Mrs Lucille Griffiths, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Woodward.

Birthdays today



George Davies, businessman, is 52; actor Richard Dreyfuss is 46

Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen, chemical physicist, 65; Sir Derek Bradbeer, former president, Law Society, 62; Dame Anne Bryans, a former trustee, Joint Committee, Order of St John and British Red Cross Society, 84; the Most Rev Joseph Cassidy, Archbishop of Tuam, 60; Miss Susie Cooper, pottery designer, 91; Mr Vivian Ellis, president, Performing Right Society, 89; Admiral Sir Derek Empson, 75; Lady France, headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 58; Sir William Gladstone, Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd, 68; Baroness Gould of Potternewton, 61; Mr Robert Hardy, actor, 68; Sir Edward Howard, former Lord Mayor of London, 78; Mr Michael Jayston, actor, 58; Dr Paul Mellars, president, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 54; Sir Philip Oppenheimer, chairman, The Diamond Trading Company, 82; Mr Jack Shepherd, actor and director, 53; Mr Jon Vickers, opera singer, 67; Mr Galen Weston, vice-*chairman, Fortnum and Mason,* 53.

Dinners

Scriveners' Company
Mr Bernard J. Ducker, Master of the Scriveners' Company, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Apothecaries' Hall. Sir Robert Balchin, Chairman of the Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation, and Lady Balchin, and the Master of the Apothecaries' Society and Mrs Ward were among the guests.

Flyfishers' Club
Mr William H. Hazen, President of the Anglers' Club of New York, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Flyfishers' Club held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr C.R. Butterworth presided.

Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce
The Right Hon Neil Kinnock, MP, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner held on Thursday, October 28, 1993. Mr A.J. Duff was *in the chair.*

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls and President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, was the principal guest at a dinner given by the women members of the institute last night at the University Women's Club. Mrs Margaret Astbury presided.

Merton College, Oxford

The Electors to the Wardenship announce their intention to elect Dr Jessica M. Rawson, Litt D, FBA, as Warden of the College when the vacancy arises in 1994.

Dr Rawson is Keeper of the Department of Oriental Antiquities of the British Museum.

Service dinners

Royal Marines
Lieutenant General R.J. Ross, Commandant General Royal Marines, presided at a Dinner held last night in The Commando Forces Officers' Mess, Plymouth. The guests were:

Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, First Sea Lord, Sir Christopher France, Permanent Under Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Vice Admiral Sir Roy Newman, Flag Officer Plymouth, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Rear Admiral N.E. Rankin, Flag Officer Portsmouth, Brigadier C.N.G. Delves, Mr P.T. Rippon, The Master, Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, Captain P. Hames, the Clerk, Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, Lieutenant-Colonel P.C. Cammaert, Commanding Officer 1st Amphibious Combat Group, Royal Netherlands Marine Corps, Mr John Barry and Mr Peter Goss.

Advanced Class Dinner Club
Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Advanced Class Dinner Club held last night at the Royal Artillery Officers' Mess, Woolwich. Major-General A.C.P. Stone, president, was in the chair.

Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
General Sir John Learmont, Quartermaster General, was the principal guest at a dinner given by the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers last night at West Court, Finchampstead. Major-General G.M. Hutchinson, Representative Colonel Com*mandant, presided.*

TAVRA Northern Ireland
The Annual Dinner of the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for Northern Ireland was held at The Ulster Reform Club, Belfast last night. The Earl of Erne, President TAVRA for Northern Ireland, presided. Lieutenant-Colonel, The Duke of Westminster, was the principal guest.

Church news

The Rev Canon Colin Bennetts, Canon Residentiary of Chester Cathedral, diocese of Chester, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Buckingham, diocese of Oxford, succeeding the Rt Rev Simon Burrows who is retiring as from January 31.

Other appointments
The Rev Francis Anderson, permission to officiate, Horsham episcopal area; now Priest-in-Charge, Lynchmere (Chichester).
The Rev Malcolm Bridger, Team Rector, Brentford (London): to be Rector, Tidworth, Ludgershall and Faberstown (Salisbury).
The Rev Roger Chamberlain, Assistant Curate, St Stephen, Selly Park: to be Vicar, St Cyprian, Hay Mills (Birmingham).
The Rev Dr Alexander Coker, Assistant Curate, St Luke, Woodside: to be Curate, St Philip, Cheam Common School (Southwark).
The Rev Anne Dyer, Honorary Deacon, Christ Church, Luton, and Christ the King, Princes Park: to be *also* part-time Associate Adviser in Evangelism (Rochester).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Alan Jones, Priest-in-charge, Finchingfield w. Cornish Hall End (Chelmsford): to retire as from December 31.
The Rev John Larter, Vicar, Wormingford and Mount Bures w. Little Horkseley (Chelmsford): to retire as from January 31 1994.
The Rev Canon John McDougal, Team Rector, Bride Valley Team *Ministry (Salisbury)*: to retire as from January 31, 1994.
The Rev Preb John Watson, Vicar, St Andrew, Plymouth, w St George and St Paul (Exeter): to retire as from January 31, 1994.
The Rev Leslie Wilman, Rector, Swanton Morley w Beetley w East Bilney and Hoe, Rural Dean of Brisley and Elmham, Chaplain RAF Swanton Morley (Norwich): to retire as Rural Dean as from November 30.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Boswell, biographer, Edinburgh, 1740; William Hayley, poet, Chichester, 1745; Jean Giraudoux, dramatist, Bellac, France, 1882; Fanny Brice, actress and singer, New York, 1891; Josef Goebbels, Nazi war criminal, Rheydt, Rhineland, 1897.

DEATHS: Sir Walter Raleigh, courtier, adventurer and writer, executed, London, 1618; Edmund Calamy the elder, Puritan preacher, London, 1666; James Shirley, dramatist, London, 1666; Jean le Rond d'Alembert, philosopher, Paris, 1783; John Leech, illustrator, London, 1864; Joseph Pulitzer, newspaper proprietor, Charleston, South Carolina, 1911; Frances Burnett, novelist and dramatist, New York, 1924; King Gustav V of Sweden, reigned 1907-50, Stockholm, 1950; John Braine, novelist, London, 1986; Pietro Annigoni, painter, Florence, 1988.

The Russian archaeologist Peter Kozlov discovered the tomb of Genghis Khan, 1927.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in honour of Mr Cheddi Jagan, President of Guyana.

Ladies' Naval Luncheon Club
Lady Jenkins was the guest speaker at the autumn luncheon of the Ladies' Naval Luncheon Club held yesterday at the Rembrandt Hotel. Lady Brown, chairman, presided.

The Park Tower Luncheon Club
The Park Tower Luncheon Club held a luncheon yesterday in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge at The Sheraton Park Tower Hotel. *Mr Derek Picot, General Man*ager, and Miss Jacqueline McCouat were the hosts and the guests were Mr Stirling Moss, Miss Sarah Kennedy, Miss Sue MacGregor and Mr Neil Mackwood.

Reception

Mrs John Major was host at a reception last night at 10 Downing Street on behalf of the Westminster Medical School Research Trust.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as Patron and President of the British Red Cross Society, will address the council of delegates of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham, at noon.
The Duchess of Kent as Patron of the York Civic Trust, will visit Fairfax House, Castlegate, at 11.00; will open an extension to St Monica's Hospital, Easingwold, at 12.15; will open the South Otterington village primary school, near Northallerton, at 2.15; and will visit the police headquarters at Newby Wiske at 3.05.

Memorial services

Mr Keith Lester
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Keith Lester was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Elliott officiated. Miss Susan Danby, Principal of the College of the Royal Academy of Dancing, read the lesson and Mr Peter Wilson, Secretary of the Dance Teachers' Benevolent Fund, read from Keith Lester's poems. Mrs Clare Thomas and Baroness Brigstocke gave addresses.

The Earl of Westmorland
A Memorial Service for the 15th Earl of Westmorland will be held at the Guards Chapel at 2.30pm on Tuesday, November 2.

Bill Sale
A memorial service for Bill Sale will be held in Canterbury Cathedral, on Friday, November 12, at 3pm.

Sir David Sells
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir David Sells will be held at Chelsea Old Church, Old Church Street, London, SW3, at 11.30am on Thursday, November 25, 1993.

Alfred B. Shindler
A Thanksgiving for the life of Alfred B. Shindler, Deputy for the Ward of Billingsgate, will be held on Thursday, November 4, 1993, at Haberdashers' Hall, Staining Lane, London, EC2, at 10.45am for 11.00am.

Royal Thames Yacht Club

The Duke of York was elected Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club at the annual meeting held yesterday at 60 Knightsbridge. The following have also been elected:
Vice Commodore, Mr John O. Prentice; Rear Commodores, Mr Francis N. Read and Mr Ross Walker.

PERSONAL COLUMN

People do not lay to heart the truth, that those whom God has chosen enjoy his grace and mercy and that he comes to the help of his holy people. Wisdom of Solomon 4 : 15. (REB)

BIRTHS

CLEMENTS - On 25th October 1993, to Patricia (née Miller) and Stephen, a son, Alexander William (11lbs).

DITMAN - On October 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Bente (née Ovstum) and John William, a big boy, Stig.

EMMERSON - On October 27th 1993 at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle, to Fiona (née Leonard) and Kevin, a son, George Frederick.

FRANCIS - In New York on October 25th, Olivia Catherine Louise, a daughter to Lesley and Mark and a sister for Hugo.

GLANVILLE - On 20th October 1993, to Nicola/Jane (née Blount) and Charles, a son, Robert, a brother for Edward.

KEARNEY-ORRI - On 27th October in Valencia to Marga and Nick, a daughter, Sofia.

LAWSON-TANCRED - On October 18th, to Hugh and Emily (née Macaskie), a beautiful daughter, Josephine Rose.

MELVILLE - On October 17th 1993, to Lorna (née Jordan) and Alec, a daughter, Sophie Kate Leonora, a sister for Alastair and Anna Claire.

MOXEY - Melanie (née Humphreys) and Tim are pleased to announce the safe *arrival of their babies on* 26th October 1993, Hugo Charles Phillip, Olivia Mary and Cressida Sophie. With grateful thanks to all staff at Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

PEMBERTON - On 20th October, to Michele (née Gill) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Georgia Elizabeth, 7lbs 6oz.

VRIES - On 26th October, to Joanne (née Hart) and Minze, a son, Timothy Minze.

WALKER - On October 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Deirdre (née Swan) and Andrew, a wonderful son, Thomas William.

WILLIAMS - On 26th October at the Edith Cavell Clinic, Brussels, Mary Morgan, daughter to Carol and Barrie Williams, sister to Amelia and Helena.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CRAIG WALLER:TIGHE - On October 29th 1943, at The Brompton Oratory, Patrick to Prudence. Still at Horsell, Woking, Surrey.

DEATHS

ANGUS - Peggy, died peacefully surrounded by her descendants at 12.10 pm 28th October. She was nearing her 90th year and part of a great many peoples' lives. Cremation 11 am Saturday 30th October, Golders Green. Family flowers only.

CAISLEY - John Dr. Died *peacefully at home* on Thursday 28th October. Husband of Ingertise and father of Paul and Philip. Funeral at St Lawrence Church, Hungerford on Wednesday 3rd November at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research Fund or Macmillan Foundation.

CAMPBELL - On 26th October 1993, in hospital after a heart attack, John Colquhoun, aged 86. Much loved husband of Irene, father of Colin, father-in-law of Elizabeth and grandfather of Laetitia and James. Please phone for details of Thanksgiving Service expected to be held Tuesday 2nd November 1993.

CEARNS - On October 28th 1993, peacefully in hospital, Leonard Crittenden Cearns. Dearly loved husband of Mary, father of Martin and Sarah, grandfather of Andrew, Ian, Robin and Edward. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Chigwell, on Thursday 4th November at 12 noon. Family flowers only please.

CLAYTON - On 27th October 1993, Richard Henry Michael (author William Haggard) aged 86. Father of Julia and Michael, grandfather of Freddy and Edward, James and Oliver. Cremation at Weeley Crematorium, 11 am Tuesday 9th November.

COLYER - On 22nd October 1993 after a short illness bravely borne, Joyce Emma aged 82, of Lea, Derbyshire. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Holloway, today Friday October 29th at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations (if preferred) to Dethick Church Restoration Fund c/o Thomas Greatorex & Sons Limited, The Green, Matlock, Derbyshire.

GROB - On October 28th 1993, peacefully at St George's Nursing Home, Cobham, Kathleen Anne Hogan aged 92, beloved wife of the late Oscar Gottlieb Grob K.S.G. Mother of John and Paul, grandmother of Ralph, Catherine, Stephen and Mark. The funeral service to be held at St Nicholas' Church, Compton, on Tuesday November 3rd at 2.45 pm.

DAVIDSON KELLY - Peacefully at Little Inch Nursing Home on 28th October 1993, Molly (née MacLeod) formerly of St Gerardine's, Old Kirk Road, Edinburgh. Beloved wife of the late Nevill, dearly loved mother of John, Norman and Tom. Service at Govan Old Parish Church (St Constantine's), Govan Road, Glasgow, on Monday 1st November at 2 pm. Committal thereafter at Clydebank Crematorium at 3.30 pm. No flowers but donations to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary Samaritan Society c/o John G. Sheddan, 6A Randolph Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7TH.

DORMAN - Maurice Henry, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O. On October 26th peacefully at home with his family, after facing cancer with characteristic courage, humility and faith. So much loved husband of Monica, loving and adored father of John, Joanna, Elisabeth and Sibella and "brill" grandfather to his nine grandchildren. Funeral Service for family and local friends at St Michael's Church, West Overton, at 2.30 pm on Monday 1st November. Family flowers only, donations to The Order of St John, St John's Gate, London EC1. Thanksgiving Service in London to be announced later.

JACOBSEN - On October 26th 1993 at Guy's Hospital, Ronald Norman Jacobsen M.B.E. (Ronnie). Much loved husband of Mary, father of Miles, Tim and Richard, grandfather of Hannah, Joseph and Sam. Funeral 11.30 am Thursday 4th November at St Nicholas Church, New Romney, Kent. No flowers. Donations to British Heart Foundation or R.N.L.I.

FOX - Ralph Marvin - suddenly, on 24th October, whilst visiting London from Hong Kong. Much loved *husband of Sandy, loving* father of Andrew, Christopher, Elizabeth and Kendra and adored son of The Rev. W. Anderson and Mrs Fox. Recent grandfather of Peter. Deeply missed by his family, many friends and colleagues for his kindness, generosity and wonderful sense of humour. Funeral Service to be held at 1 pm on 1st November at U.S. Military Academy, Cadet Chapel, West Point, New York. Flowers: Hogans Funeral Home tel: 0101-914-446-2868. A Memorial Service will be held in London on Friday 19th November at 2.30 pm at St Clement Danes, Aldwych, London WC2. Donations to West Point Athletic Fund, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York - Ralph M. Fox - Class of 1962.

MASON - Leonard Maurice V.M.H., 81 years, peacefully in his sleep at home on 27th October. Private funeral, no flowers please, donations if desired to The Gardeners Benevolent Society. Memorial Service details to be announced.

MARKLAND - Suddenly at home on 26th October, Alfred King (Freddie), much loved husband of Christine, father of James and grandfather of Stuart and Hannah. Service at Holy Trinity Church, Claygate, on Thursday 4th November at 11.30 am. Flowers to F.W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, or donations if desired to Sudan Church Association, c/o B.A. Carlisle, Heath Cottage, Hartley Wintney, Hants.

PFEIFFER D'ORLOVMAK - Baron Rudolf (Ph.D.), peacefully in Cambridge on 26th October 1993, aged 74. *Adored* husband of Evi, dearly loved father of Monika, Claudia and Nicky. Rudi, much admired father-in-law of Mike, Andy and Lynne. Opapa will be sadly missed by all his grandchildren.

PUGH - On 28th October 1993, in hospital, David, beloved husband of Helen, father of Elluned and Carolyn and grandfather of Michael, Tamsyn, Catherine and Hannah. Funeral Service at St Eval Church on Monday 1st November at 3pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Macmillan Nursing Service and Brooke Hospital for Animals, c/o Lloyds Bank, Padstow.

QUENNELL - On October 27th peacefully at The University College Hospital. Peter Quennell C.B.E., admired and loved husband of Joan Marilyn, beloved father and friend of Sarah and Alexander and much loved grandfather to Emma. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Regent's Park, NW1, at 3 pm on Tuesday November 2nd followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations to The Royal Literary Fund. Memorial Service to be announced.

RIDDELL - On October 28th 1993, Edward Duncan, MBE, MC, TD, aged 76. Very dear husband of Mary and father of Bill, Roger, Anne and Colin. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Augustine's Church, Station Road, Solihull, at 11 am Monday 1st November. Family flowers only, donations to Warren Pearl Hospice, Warwick Road, Solihull.

THOMPSON - On October 27th in hospital of Bramhope, aged 68 years, B.H.J. (Jim), father of Susan, *Hazel*, David and Jane. Member of Moortown Golf Club and M.C.C. Funeral Service takes place at St Peter's Church, Rawdon, on Tuesday November 2nd at 11.15am followed by private cremation. Resting in the private Chapel of Slater's of Horsforth, Lister Hill, Horsforth, Leeds (0532) 582395.

TIZARD - On Wednesday October 27th, Professor Sir Peter Tizard MA BM FRCP, much loved husband of Joy, loving father of Andrew, Humphrey and Jane, and grandfather of Edwin, Charlie and William. The private cremation will be followed by a thanksgiving service at St Giles Church, Ickenham, on Thursday 4th November at 3 pm. No flowers - donations if desired to Beaconsfield East Trust Fund, The Hillingdon Hospital, Finance Dept., Pield Heath Road, Uxbridge UB8 3NN.

TODD - Sqn. Ldr. John Anthony, RAF (ret'd), beloved husband and dear friend of Betty, died at home near Newbury on 24th October 1993 after a long illness. Private cremation.

TREWEEK - On Thursday 28th October 1993, peacefully after a short illness, Kenneth Hewer, aged 74 years, of Truro. Funeral Service, 11.40 am Kernow Chapel, Penmount Crematorium, on Tuesday 2nd November. Flowers or donations in lieu for Amnesty International may be sent c/o the funeral directors W.J. Beswetherick and Son Ltd., Central House, Fairmantle Street, Truro, tel: (0872) 74021.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GILLSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Michael will be held at St Peter's Church, Edensor, Derbyshire, on Wednesday 10th November at 2 pm and *afterwards at The Peacock* Hotel, Rowsley. It would be appreciated if no black attire was worn. Further enquiries to Thomas Greatorex & Sons Ltd. tel: (0629) 582470.

KNIGHT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of William Murless Knight will be held on Saturday November 13th at 12 noon at Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall.

WESTMORLAND - A Memorial Service for the 15th Earl of Westmorland will be held at the Guards Chapel at 2.30 pm on Tuesday November 2nd.

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OBITUARIES

SIR PETER QUENNELL

Sir Peter Quennell, writer and editor, died on October 27 aged 88. He was born on March 9, 1905.

ANDREW CROWLEY



PETER QUENNELL was probably the last genuine example of the English man of letters. The type, which reached its apogee in the Edwardian era, is traditionally characterised by someone who adopts literature as his profession and spends his entire life in its service without any other form of paid work.

Quennell pursued this precarious course from an early age. He went up to Balliol after the first world war but left prematurely on account of some amorous adventure. He had no degree but he had done a great deal of reading and made some firm literary friendships including one with Robert Graves then living out at Islip.

In 1930 Quennell worked as professor of English language and literature at a Japanese government university but he was no more successful there, academically, than he had been at Oxford. "It was," he confessed, "a post for which I had no training and, as both my students and I were soon aware, very little aptitude."

For the remainder of his long and industrious life (apart from during the second world war when he worked in the Ministry of Information — where he was banished to Belfast for being "lazy and unenthusiastic" — and the Auxiliary Fire Service) Quennell made his living as an author, a biographer, an essayist, a book-reviewer, and as an editor of literary and historical journals.

To say that this was because he lacked the creative gift would be misleading. There was a distinctly imaginative side to his talent even if it was most often put to the task of appraising the genius of other writers, particularly those of the 18th and 19th centuries, a task for which he had a deep love, and which he always executed with impeccable elegance and urbanity.

Quennell's own creative gift with words had emerged while he was still a schoolboy. When Richard Hughes came to be joint editor of *Public School Verse 1921-22*, he included some poems by Quennell together with those by his contemporaries, Graham Greene, A. L. Rowse and Christopher Isherwood. The rejection of verses by Evelyn Waugh for the same collection may have been the start of the animosity towards Quennell shown later by the novelist.

"I grew up", Quennell wrote, "in a literary period when verse commanded a degree of respect it lost soon afterwards". He published a slim volume *Poems* (1926) which earned him a reputation as a young poet of promise, and gained Quennell the entry to literary circles where influential figures such as Harold Monro, Edward Marsh and Edith Sitwell, all of whom admired his work, held sway.

It soon became clear to them, and others in London at that time, that this tall, remarkably good-looking young man, with strong features that were as well proportioned as those of the Apollonian heroes he celebrated in his poetry, had uncommon social gifts. In society drawing-rooms where people of talent and wit were gathered together he was frequently in demand by fashionable hostesses. Quennell dressed with perfect taste and lack of ostentation and he knew how to exert charm particularly towards those likely to further his career. "Mixed feelings about Peter Q", one of his women friends confided to her journal, "though he gets a habit."

Long after he had ceased to write poetry and had given up any thought, as he put it, of "joining the novelists", Quennell's inventiveness coloured his conversation in the form of lively observations about his friends, acquaintances and publishers, to the accompaniment of sallies of spontaneous mimicry. Quennell gave good anecdotal value in his cups whether as guest or host. His behaviour had just that degree of unpredictability that aroused in his companions the delightful sense of living dangerously. He once rose from the table and left the house in the middle of a dinner-party because another guest had challenged him to pronounce on the merits of Ian Fleming as a novelist. (He considered them to be nil.)

The frustration prompting his abrupt departure may have been exacerbated by the fact that after the second world war it was in the drawing-room of Ian Fleming's wife, Ann, that Quennell was most frequently to be observed, and that it was due to her editorial influence over her then husband, Lord Rothermere, that Quennell owed his position as book critic on the *Daily Mail* from 1943-56. His friendship with Ann had other benefits — she later effected an uneasy truce between Quennell and Waugh on a visit to Fleming's villa, Goldeneye, in Jamaica.

He was the son of Charles Henry Bourne Quennell, an architect, and his wife Marjorie who was a talented illustrator. While their two sons and daughter were growing up, the Quennells published a series of popular encyclopaedic volumes, *A History of Everyday Things*. They sent their son Peter to Berkhamsted School where, far from discerning any incipient signs of "Greeneland" — as did a fellow-pupil — he found it, "a rather characterless and colourless school, presided over by the father of a well-known modern novelist". The headmaster — Graham Greene's father — excused the hypersensitive young Quennell from games and OTC. Fascinated by brass-rubbings. Quennell spent much of his spare time bicycling to old parish churches in the vicinity. He also formed an attachment to Graham Greene, with whom he read revolutionary French novels among the tombstones of a neighbouring church.

Quennell's first major book was a study of *Baudelaire and the Symbolists* in 1929; then after publishing an account of his travels in the Far East, *A Superficial Journey through Tokyo and Peking* and some short fiction, *Sympathy, and Other Stories*, Quennell produced the first of several biographical volumes on Byron in 1934. They form the basis of his well justified reputation as a scholarly writer of insight whose work is a great pleasure to read. The English 18th-century prose-writers were his masters: he cultivated their limpid purity of style. He was a constant polisher of his own prose even at the proof-stage, to the despair of his editors. He was, though, a thorough and discerning editor himself. He presided over *The Cornhill Magazine* from 1944 until 1951 and then with the historian Alan Hodge, Quennell was co-editor of *History Today* from 1951 to 1979.

But he did not allow his editorial duties on these journals to interrupt work on his own books. During these years he published *Four Portraits* (1945); *John Ruskin, Hogarth's Progress, Alexander Pope: the education of Genius 1688-1728* (1968); *Samuel Johnson: his friends and enemies* (1972) — to mention but a few of his works.

Quennell also combined his portraits of the writers of the past with autobiography in volumes such as *The Marble Foot* (1976) and *The Wanton Chase* (1980). Towards the end of his career in his vigorous old age, when he was still working as hard as ever, he turned to trying to answer more general questions. A chance remark of his father's remembered from childhood — "Well, we're not happy, are we?" — prompted *The Pursuit of Happiness* (1988). He was knighted in 1992.

Quennell was married five times. His last marriage was in 1967 to Marilyn, Lady Peek, and they had one son, Alexander. Both survive him, together with a daughter, Sarah, from the third marriage.

MARTYN SKINNER



Martyn Skinner, poet, died on October 24 aged 87. He was born on August 24, 1906.

ONCE a well-known poet, Martyn Skinner's fame had faded with the years. Having when young won the exuberant praise of such critics as Desmond MacCarthy — and carried off the Hawthornden prize in 1943 — he fell out of fashion with the coming of a new generation of prose poets. For his own poems were metrical and made to rhyme with a master's skill.

Martyn Skinner was the son of Sir Sidney Skinner, chairman of John Barker and sometime president of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade, and of Emelie Madeline Skinner. He was educated at Clifton College and went up to Magdalen College, Oxford, with a demyship. He failed, however, to take any degree. This was partly due to his own temperament.

After camping on the extreme west coast of Ireland with his fellow undergraduates and lifelong friends, Hugh Waterman and Alan (later Dom Bede) Griffiths, the three decided on living a simple, natural life in a Cotswold village. They did so in protest against the commercial, materialistic view of life which they saw as prevalent in the late 1920s.

Skinner had a great love of the land and later became a successful farmer at Ipsden in Oxfordshire, where he was noted for the sound, economical management he brought to the running of his farm. On final retirement he settled near Taunton in Somerset.

His first poetical success was the three-volume *Letters to Malaya*, written to Noel Alexander, subsequently a prisoner of war under the Japanese, and published between 1941 and 1947. Several long poems followed, such as *Two Colloquies* (1949) and *The Return of Arthur* (1966). Despite adding the Heinemann award in 1947 to the Hawthornden prize, his later poems — such as *Old Rectory* published in three parts between 1970 and 1977 — failed to make any general or critical appeal. He married in 1938 Pauline Giles but the marriage was dissolved in 1987. He is survived by three sons and one daughter, one son and one daughter having predeceased him.

PETER TRANCHELL

Peter Tranchell, composer and teacher, died on September 14 aged 71. He was born in India on July 14, 1922.

PETER TRANCHELL was one of those people who did so much more than the list of his public achievements might suggest. After a glittering career at Clifton, where he was head boy, and at Cambridge, where he not only took a first in music but was one of the brightest stars in the Footlights, he seemed to be on the brink of a major career as a composer.

He wrote the opera *The Mayor of Casterbridge* and the musical *Zuleika* but neither achieved the success which some critics anticipated and his life thereafter was in many ways an anticlimax.

Although Tranchell had been a university lecturer since 1950, it was not until 1960 that he was elected to a fellowship at Gonville and Caius, where he succeeded Patrick Hadley — who had been a great help with the *Mayor of Casterbridge* — as precentor. He was indefatigable in his work for the college, making numerous arrangements (of, it must be admitted, not always the most inspiring of Victorian compositions) for the chapel choir.

What did inspire however, were his supervisions, when he gave free play to his irreverent mind and caustic wit. He was also a natural entertainer. Notorious for his parties (and for his settings of scurrilous texts from the Sunday tabloids) he was at his best when writing for the Caius May Week farragos, including *Aye, aye, Lucian* and *The Mating Season* (after Wodehouse).

Peter Tranchell was also a candid friend and wise mentor. His discrimination in advising a host of undergraduates on their futures (often discouraging them from taking up music) was, if not popular at the time, generally justified. There was something remarkable about a man who, despite the disappointments of his own career, remained a valued adviser to others.

SIR MAURICE DORMAN

Sir Maurice Dorman, GCMG, GCVO, former Governor-General of Sierra Leone and of Malta, died of cancer on October 26 aged 81. He was born on August 7, 1912.



FOR most of his life Maurice Dorman belonged to a world that is now irretrievably lost. Although never a typical product of the imperial era, his professional career started when Britain still held dominion over palm and pine. He went on to enjoy a distinguished and enlightened record as a colonial administrator — and his flair for administration surfaced again when in retirement he took on the fresh challenge of being chairman of an area health authority.

During his years as a Colonial Office servant he personally spanned the transition from Empire into Commonwealth. He was the last Governor, and first Governor-General, of Sierra Leone, and then moved on to Malta as that island's first civilian, "professional" Governor. Again, he was asked to stay on after independence as Governor-General.

Maurice Henry Dorman was the son of of John Ehrenfried Dorman, engineer of the firm of W. H. Dorman of Stafford, and of Madeleine Louise Dorman (née Bostock) whose family owned Lotus shoes and who herself was one of the earliest women to practise as a dentist. From a solid Midlands background, he was educated at Sedbergh School and Magdalene College, Cambridge, and then entered the Colonial Service as an administrative cadet in Tanganyika. This was in 1935, and he remained in Tanganyika for ten years before going to Malta as assistant to the lieutenant-governor after the second world war.

Two years later he moved to Palestine, at the time of the ending of the Mandate, as principal assistant secretary — a post he held for a year before returning to the Colonial Office in London with the rank of assistant secretary in the social services department. This was in preparation for his return to Africa and in 1950 he was posted to the Gold Coast, as Ghana then still was called, as director of social welfare. He moved again after two years to Trinidad and Tobago, where from 1952 to 1956 he was colonial secretary and on two occasions acting governor.

In 1956 he went back once more to West Africa, to the post which seemed likely, at a time when British colonies were running out, to provide the climax of his career — Governor, Commander-in-Chief and Vice-Admiral of Sierra Leone. This was very much during West Africa's "wind of change" period and, although Sierra Leone was quieter, sleepier and politically less mature than Ghana or Nigeria, it was (with The Gambia) Britain's oldest African possession and, as such, deserved its share in the independence cake.

Dorman had the difficult task of encouraging political development — which in Sierra Leone included bringing the surrounding protectorate along to match the colony in sophistication — while at the same time holding the reins of power on behalf of Whitehall. His success in doing this job was vouched for by the fact that, when independence came in 1961, he was invited to stay on as Governor-General, and not just for the customary token period as a courtesy. Indeed, as Governor-General, a figurehead without executive power, Dorman helped the newly independent government through its teething troubles with wise but discreet advice.

In the spring of 1962 elections in Malta brought Dr Borg Olivier to power, ending the long political deadlock of direct rule. It was obvious — it had, in fact, been obvious for a long time — that the traditional system of appointing an admiral or a general as Governor of Malta must be changed.

With a weak economy, a complex political set-up, and a deeply divisive struggle going on between the Roman Catholic Church and the Malta Labour party (and the prospect of an early reduction in the British naval presence to add to the economic difficulties) Malta needed firm guidance and help from a skilled and experienced administrator. Dorman provided both, quickly winning the trust and confidence of the Maltese with whom he increasingly came to identify.

When Malta became independent in September 1964, he was asked to become the island's first (and only) British Governor-General. That this was a shrewd choice on the part of the Nationalist government was demonstrated when in 1967 he spoke out against threatened defence cuts announcing that he stood "four square" with the government and people of Malta in their dispute with Britain.

If it was an unusual stand for the Queen's representative to take, Whitehall at the time was careful not to question its propriety. (The truth was that they had long since come to recognise that Dorman was nothing like as conventional as his appearance may sometimes have suggested.) He remained in Valletta for another four years before in 1971 bowing to the new prime minister's, Dom Mintoff's, wish to have a native-born governor-general.

The next year he served briefly as deputy chairman of the abortive Pearce Commission in Rhodesia — a country to which he returned as chairman of the British observers of the Zimbabwe independence elections of 1980. But in retirement the main burden of his efforts went into domestic preoccupations. Making his home in Wiltshire, he became chairman of the Swindon hospital management committee and then chairman of the Wiltshire area health authority, a post held for eight years before relinquishing it in 1982 to take on similar responsibilities with the Swindon health authority.

A committed evangelical Christian, Dorman played an active part in the Order of St John of Jerusalem, rising from being chief almoner and chief commander of the ambulance brigade to the post of Lord Prior in 1980. He became a deputy lieutenant for Wiltshire in 1978. He was appointed GCMG in 1961 and GCVO in the same year.

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TSR2 WILL ATTACK AT LITTLE ABOVE TREE-TOP HEIGHT

From Our Aeronautical Correspondent

Automatic navigation, attack, terrain-following and reconnaissance systems of advance design will be features of the TSR2, the supersonic low-level bomber, ordered for the RAF but rejected last week by Australia in favour of the American TFX — on the score of higher cost, according to Sir Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister.

Much new information was released by the Air Staff in London yesterday on the TSR2, designed as a tactical strike and reconnaissance aircraft, but this did not include cost or exact definition of strategic tasks. It was merely stated that it possesses very long range when operated from permanent airfields and "will undoubtedly carry on some of the roles of the V-bombers".

It will be able to deliver accurately a wide selection of weapons, both nuclear and high-explosive. Bombing errors, an Air Staff member said, had been reduced from the hundreds of yards of the last war to "tens of feet".

"TSR2 will play a very big part in our defence for the next 10 to 15 years and, I feel personally, longer than that", he added. The first of the development aircraft is due to fly early next year and it will enter RAF service in the mid-1960s. Orders have already been placed.

Designed for a crew of two, the aircraft has delta-shaped mainplanes towards the rear. The wing tips, turned down at a steep angle, give good control at low speed. Intakes for the two Bristol Siddeley Olympus 22R turbo-jets are on either side of the long fuselage.

The navigation and attack system, to enable the bomber to penetrate enemy defences at high speed and at little more than tree-top height, is claimed to be the most advanced in the world, exploiting the latest developments in radar and in computer and flight control techniques. Data for the Doppler and inertial mixed navigation system are collected from a sideways looking radar.

A forward-looking radar enables the bomber to follow the contours of the terrain at a pre-set height, either automatically or by manual flight. Information goes to computers and is fed to the automatic pilot, which can fly the aircraft to and from a pre-selected target without visual reference to the target.

The crew can override the robot systems and fly the aircraft manually at any phase of flight. To save them from having to look down at the instrument panel they have a "head-up" display — symbols giving flight data reflected on the windscreen.

A new departure is line-scan, a television-type picture which the aircraft can transmit back to a mobile receiver alongside the Army commander, giving him the latest information.

Top speed will be "above twice the speed of sound" (which is about 1,520 m.p.h. at sea level and 1,320 m.p.h. at height) and the TSR2 will be capable of supersonic speed at both

ON THIS DAY

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"The most promising tactical combat aircraft yet built" was one appraisal of the TSR2 and there was fury in some quarters when production was cancelled by the Labour government in 1965.

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Howard dilutes Sheehy

■ Two thousand senior police jobs are to go under compromise proposals for the most far-reaching shake-up of officers' pay and conditions in 30 years.

Michael Howard has retreated from some of the most controversial reforms recommended by Sir Patrick Sheehy, but he has accepted key principles designed to streamline forces and reward able officers..... **Pages 1, 2, 21**

RSI 'has no place in medical books'

■ A judge dashed compensation hopes for thousands of computer keyboard workers when he ruled that repetitive strain injury was "meaningless" and had "no place in the medical books". Judge Prosser QC rejected a claim against Reuter News Agency by Rafiq Mughal, 44, a desk editor at the agency who had been forced to give up work ..... **Pages 1, 2**

UN rethinks role

A dispirited United Nations secretary-general has told a closed meeting of the UN Security Council that he does not believe the UN to be capable at present of peace enforcement operations .... **Page 1**

Boost for Smith

John Smith has boosted his approval rating with the public after his victory in a key vote over relations with the trade unions at the Labour party conference a month ago..... **Pages 1, 11**

Sense of betrayal

Senior British Rail employees said they felt "betrayed and abandoned" by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, for delaying "until the 59th minute of the eleventh hour" his response to the Lords amendment..... **Pages 1, 2**

'Friendly' killer

Nikki Allan, 7, skipped to her death behind her killer in the belief that he was her friend, a court was told. Only in the moments before her murder did she realise things were not right, but it was too late..... **Page 3**

Star's admission

Rock star George Michael admitted in court that his relationships with record companies had been marked by continual requests for more and more money ..... **Page 5**

Lawyers attack

Michael Howard, the home secretary, was accused by the Law Society of playing party politics with the criminal justice system..... **Page 7**

Private police

Shildon, a town in co. Durham is planning to raise a private squad of police officers to combat rising juvenile crime ..... **Page 8**

Jail risk

Contractors who build and run the UK's new prisons will have to gamble on the crime rate remaining high..... **Page 11**

Child gang held

The discovery of a gang selling children in Greece has raised hopes that the two-year mystery surrounding missing Sheffield toddler Ben Needham is closer to being solved..... **Page 13**

Major's aim

John Major arrived in Brussels determined to block an ambitious programme by Jacques Delors, the European commission president, to revive the European economy with a big programme of spending..... **Page 14**

Disaster zone

Much of southern California was declared a major disaster area as up to 16 wildfires continued to cause devastation, grief and terror from north of Los Angeles to the Mexican border ... **Pages 1, 15**

Crossing swords

The selection of a Montenegrin patriarch this weekend will enrage Serbia..... **Page 16**

City of hunger

Once Angola's Malange area used to export food. But a year of siege has left it destitute and dependent on handouts..... **Page 17**

Sobering thought for drink drivers

■ Dutch drink-drive campaigners have hit upon a novel idea in the run up to the festive season: drivers who pass the breathalyser test will be rewarded with 30 guilders, or about £10. The scheme is partly backed by Dutch soft drinks companies. The reward represents the amount each citizen pays in soft drinks tax each year..... **Page 1**

JOHN MANNING



Chancellor Kenneth Clarke arriving yesterday for a Cabinet meeting at which his plans to cut spending were turned down. Story, page 2

BUSINESS

American economy: President Clinton said that strong growth figures in the United States marked the beginning of an economic recovery that can probably endure. The president, however, added that he could not promise a full economic recovery because of problems ..... **Page 25**

Ferranti: GEC emerged as the bidder for Ferranti, the defence electronics group, offering 1p a share or £10.1 million..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 8.7 points to 3163.0 in what dealers described as cautious trading. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 80.4 to 80.6 after a rise from DM2.4857 to DM2.4945 ... **Page 28**

SPORT

Football: Wimbledon have been drawn to play at Anfield against Liverpool in the fourth round of the Coca-Cola Cup. Manchester United will play the winners of the third-round tie between Crystal Palace and Everton..... **Page 48**

Rugby Union: New Zealand pay the South and South-West Division the compliment of fielding their potential international pack in the third game of their tour at Redruth tomorrow..... **Page 48**

Boxing: Britain's WBC heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis addressed the Oxford Union and Simon Barnes made him the winner on points. His verdict, "The boy Lewis done good" ..... **Page 42**

FEATURES

Ringside view: America's young women boxers slug it out in the ring ..... **Page 18**

Lord of the Commons: "I really believe, like Trollope, that to be a member of parliament is the greatest thing on earth" — Valerie Grove meets Nicholas Soames..... **Page 19**

MOTORING

The mystery of style: Why does a BMW have style in abundance, and the VW Vento none?.. **Page 34**

INFOTECH

Where the jobs are: Information and job opportunities from the world of infotech ..... **Pages 32, 33**

ARTS

A closer look: The 120 drawings from the Getty Museum in Malibu, now on show at the Royal Academy, are all of impressive quality. But these fragile and often battered sheets of paper can only be fully appreciated up close ..... **Page 39**

Timeless Shakespeare: The new RSC production of *Love's Labour's Lost* emphasises the play's Englishness by transposing it to turn-of-the-century Oxfordshire ... **Page 40**

Riding high: Two years ago the unkind word was that Whitney Houston was finished as a brand leader. Now she is back in Britain for a tour that has already sold out, proving that such predictions were premature ..... **Page 41**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Liverpool's Neil Ruddock was cleared of punching a Blackburn player in a FA hearing which studied video recordings of the match **Page 48**



Sally Becker, 33, known as the Angel of Mostar, will lead police and fire brigade volunteers to the battlefields of Bosnia in December **Page 16**



R. V. Jones, 82, the UK's legendary head of scientific intelligence, has become the first recipient of a CIA medal to be named after him **Page 15**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

The history of The Times

■ When William Rees-Mogg took over *The Times* in 1967, he brought a willingness to get to grips with a changing world. In the Magazine, John Grigg profiles moments when his paper made history of its own

Out to steal the show

■ What are 22 witches from Worthing, two Harrovian angels, assorted Tartars from Rugby and Captain Cook doing at the South Bank? Taking part in the finals of the Barclays Music Theatre Awards

The haunting image

■ Alan Coren will be out on Hallowe'en communing with ghosts

TV LISTINGS

Hiding behind the uninspired title of *Plant Life* (Channel 4, 9pm) is a fascinating series on the science of gardening which uses the art of time-lapse photography..... **Page 47**

OPINION

Footloose in Brussels

The most useful idea to come out of this summit would be a ban on wasting time on "emergencies" and "celebrations". Who better to propose this modest bow to common sense than Britain? ..... **Page 21**

Policing Sheehy

Michael Howard's response to the Sheehy report was more ambitious than his critics had predicted and less so than the report's champions had hoped ..... **Page 21**

Keep the change

Passengers have a right to be reassured that every minicab driver is properly insured and has not been convicted of a violent or sex crime. Regulation should be minimal, but it should exist..... **Page 21**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

The Foreign Office has decreed that only a few of the Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong fled because they had defied the totalitarian rulers of Vietnam and would be subjected to grim punishments if they went back. But the members of one group are known to the Vietnamese authorities by name, yet the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees *is adamant that they should be sent back*..... **Page 20**

GEORGE BROCK

French presidents have skilfully woven France and the EC's interests together. But if a Gatt deal is fixed before Christmas, French public opinion may shift decisively against the EC..... **Page 20**

LETTERS

Doubts are cast on the merit of the 30-year secrecy rule..... **Page 21**

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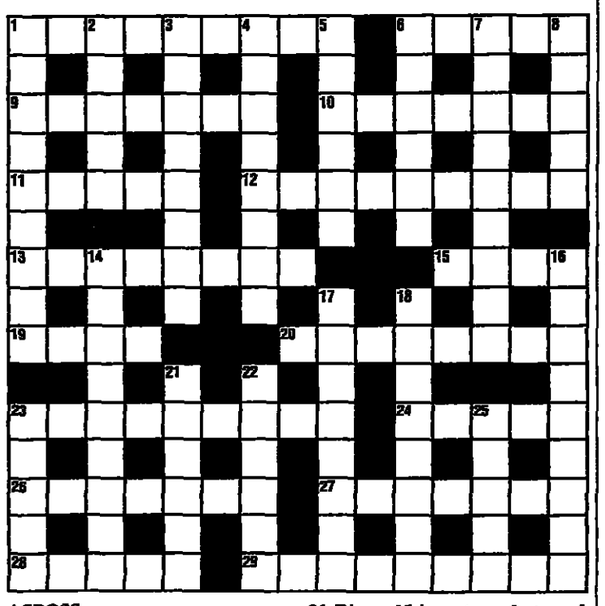
North Korea desperately needs to end its economic and political ostracism. Better relations with the United States and through the US with South Korea, are a key

— The Los Angeles Times

Ukraine is proud to reclaim independence, but it is inexperienced in dealing with the genuine difficulty of matching its security interests, in respect to Russia, with its economic and political interests in integrating into the Western world

— The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,374



ACROSS

1 County team's without second opener (9).
6 Heading for tropical island for some heat (5).
9 All the staff from Scots town interrupting the head? (7).
10 *Any thug may have been such a* child (7).
11 Land up isolated, because of the drink? (5).
12 Book includes hot recipe — so delicious (9).
13 In fellow's embrace, fall smitten — with this? (4-4).
15 He tells stories, and the bar falls about! (4)
19 I'd heard of this fish (4).
20 A Republican journal in recession can show spirit (8).
23 Understand characters caught out supplying drug? (9)
24 The plant makes some brass (5).

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DOWN

1 Lively piece about price cut — firm's introduced one. . . (9).
2 . . . or rises set up a kind of battle! (5).
3 Most holy order, in an unctuous way (8).
4&22 Who can introduce this verbal qualification? (8,6).
5&17 Dowsers twitching and turning round? It's all show (6-8).
6 Given instruction that sounds wrong? (6).
7 I hope I tan darkly — like an African (9).
8 Always held in honour, perhaps? (5).
14 The main source of one's savings (4-5).
16 Dodgy character has row over drink with no head (9).
17 See 5 *dn.*
18 Lawyers exist to prompt a grilling (8).
21 It's hard to catch fish in a squalid place (6).
22 See 4 *dn.*
23 The pipeline retains a bit of cash (5).
25 Drawn weapon traps a terrorist leader (5).
26 Discuss Vichy water and a type of wine? (7).
27 Hold one class enthralled by a poser? (7).
28 Play about lawyer in the present age (5).
29 Chopper used by chef? (3-6).

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Ajaccio	21	70	s	Madrid	9	48	f
Akrotiri	26	79	s	Majorca	19	66	f
Alex'dria	28	82	c	Malaga	18	64	s
Algiers	21	70	f	Malta	23	73	f
Amst'dm	9	48	c	Melb'rne	23	73	c
Athens	20	68	f	Mexico C*	17	63	f
Bahrain	31	88	f	Miami*	30	86	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Milan	13	55	f
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	11	52	c
Barcelona	15	59	t	Moscow	-3	27	sn
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L Angels*	28	82	f	Wash'ton*	16	61	f
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* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,026.2 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Hastings, East Sussex, 0.33in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 5.9hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F), min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.9	-	11	52	sunny
Anglesey	-	-	10	50	cloudy
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Bournemouth	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Bristol	-	-	10	50	cloudy
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Newquay	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Nottingham	-	-	7	45	dull
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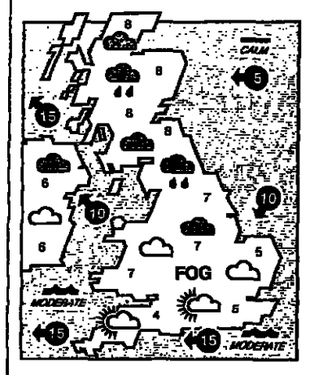
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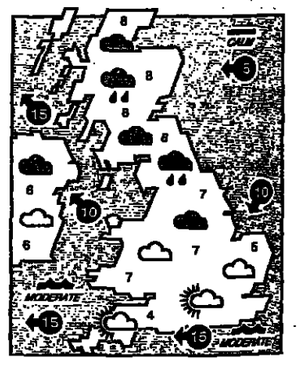
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.12
Austria Sch	18.64	17.14
Belgium Fr	56.99	52.59
Canada $	2.073	1.913
Cyprus CypF	0.778	0.728
Denmark Kr	10.61	9.81
Finland Mrk	9.19	8.39
France Fr	9.17	8.47
Germany Dm	2.64	2.43
Greece Dr	369.50	344.50
Hong Kong $	12.11	11.11
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2516.00	2361.00
Japan Yen	178.00	158.50
Malta Mtl	0.605	0.550
Netherlands Gld	2.955	2.725
Norway Kr	11.42	10.62
Portugal Esc	257.50	249.00
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	205.50	191.50
Sweden Kr	12.60	11.80
Switzerland Fr	2.32	2.14
Turkey Lira	20200	19200
USA $	1.560	1.450

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.09 pm to 6.19 am
Bristol 5.19 pm to 6.28 am
Edinburgh 5.09 pm to 6.43 am
Manchester 5.12 pm to 6.32 am
Penzance 5.34 pm to 6.37 am

Sun rises: 6.49 am
Sun sets: 4.39 pm
Moon sets: 3.56 pm
Moon rises: 5.45 am

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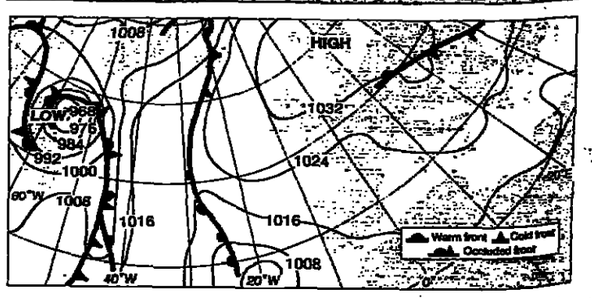
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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B'rmgham	9	48	d	Inverness	9	46	c
Blackpool	9	48	f	Jersey	11	52	s
Bristol	10	50	r	London	12	54	c
Cardiff	10	50	c	M'nchster	9	48	c
Edinburgh	7	45	c	Newcastle	10	50	c
Glasgow	8	46	c	R'nkleway	9	48	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.57	7.0	1.10	6.9	Liverpool	10.23	8.9	10.37	9.1
Aberdeen	12.11	4.0	12.39	12.5	Lowestoft	8.28	2.4	9.11	2.4
Avonmouth	6.21	12.3	6.39	12.5	Margate	11.06	4.5	11.37	4.5
Belfast	10.00	3.2	10.23	3.3	Milford Haven	5.18	6.5	5.34	6.6
Cardiff	6.06	11.4	6.24	11.6	Newquay	4.10	6.6	4.25	6.7
Devonport	4.45	5.2	4.59	5.3	Oban	4.42	3.7	5.02	4.0
Dover	10.09	6.3	10.27	6.3	Penzance	3.45	5.3	3.58	5.4
Falmouth	4.15	5.0	4.29	5.1	Portland	5.39	2.0	5.53	1.9
Glasgow	—	—	12.14	4.6	Portsmouth	10.26	4.6	10.40	4.5
Harwich	10.57	3.8	11.20	3.9	Shoreham	10.19	5.9	10.36	5.9
Holyhead	9.31	5.2	9.39	5.4	Southampton	10.10	4.3	10.21	4.3
Hull	5.20	7.1	5.47	7.0	Swansea	5.30	9.0	5.47	9.2
Ilfracombe	4.59	8.6	5.16	8.8	Tees	3.32	5.1	3.00	5.1
King's Lynn	6.27	6.2	6.55	6.2	W'ton-on-Nze	10.49	4.1	11.15	4.1
Leith	1.24	5.2	1.54	5.3					

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 29 1993

GEC acquires wreck of Ferranti for 1p a share

BY ANGELA MACKAY

FERRANTI International, the defence electronics business, succumbed to a £10.1 million one-penny-a-share bid from GEC, ending a valiant four-year attempt to revive the group after it was devastated by fraud. Eugene Anderson, Ferranti's chairman, told shareholders that the only alternative to the GEC bid was receivership.

Several companies, including the French group, Thomson-CSF, have been negotiating with Ferranti for more than a year. But the board realised that Ferranti's deteriorating order book could no longer sustain the company. Orders have shrunk by several million pounds from the £168 million declared at an extraordinary meeting in September, battered by the peace dividend and dwindling credibility.

In September, Mr Anderson said his priority was an equity injection or a strategic partnership. But a veto by Ferranti's banks on increased debt, and shareholder resistance to a rights issue, meant that a knock-down sale of the company was the only alternative.

GEC is offering 1p for each ordinary share and the same to holders of special shares. These were issued in 1990 to hold the proceeds of litigation commenced to try to recover money lost in the fraud. The bid's success depends on 90 per cent acceptance and the offer is final.

In March, special shares had a face value of 19p after legal recoveries of almost £42 million, but this value could be unlocked only if Ferranti mustered sufficient liquidity and distributable reserves. The company said yesterday that even if it survived, this money would not be available for many years; it suggested that these shareholders, too, should accept GEC's offer.

When about £140 million of debt is included, GEC will pay just over £150 million for Ferranti. Analysts said UK tax losses amounted to more than £100 million, which GEC could use; however, their value would be difficult to tease out. There is also a £106 million pension fund surplus.

GEC, led by Lord Weinstock, bought Ferranti's defence business for £310 million in January 1990. After an accounting dispute, however, the price paid dropped to £270 million.

Ferranti almost collapsed in September 1989 after uncovering a £215 million hole in its assets stemming from a $1 billion international defence contract fraud masterminded by the company's former deputy chairman, James Guerin. Mr Guerin, an American who in the early 1970s founded International Signal & Control, a Pennsylvania-based defence contractor, sold his company to Ferranti for £420 million in 1987.

Unknown to Ferranti, Mr Guerin had inflated International Signal's value with bogus contracts. He is now serving a 15-year prison sentence in America for fraud, arms smuggling and racketeering.

Four years ago, Ferranti had 23,000 employees and was Scotland's biggest industrial employer. Today, its workforce totals 3,800.

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Bankers stay with Queens Moat

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

QUEENS Moat Hotels, the UK's No. 3 hotel combine, has secured the ongoing support of its bankers, collectively owed more than £1 billion.

Representatives of some 60 banks agreed, at an 'all bank' meeting held yesterday at the City offices of Allen & Overy, the company's solicitors, that "the best way forward" was to "continue to support the group and maintain its stability."

A brief communiqué from Barclays, joint lead bank with the NatWest, stated that the plan presented to the banks demonstrated that Queens Moat 'can be reconstructed to give it a viable future' despite the 1992 results and the mid-year figures for 1993 — due to be disclosed today.

The steering committee "recommended approval" of the proposal for "additional time to allow detailed negotiations to be completed with lenders on the final form of the reconstruction." The decision was crucial for Queens Moat, the alternative being the appointment of an administrator or a receiver. Queens Moat's interest payments to the banks have been frozen since April, but the "standstill" agreement was set to expire on Sunday. This will be extended.

Chief executive Andrew Coppel and finance director Andrew Le Poidevin have been engaged in preparing detailed proposals for long term financing. The board is being advised by Morgan Grenfell, while the banks have called in SG Warburg.

Shareholders were informed this week that an extraordinary general meeting will be held after the AGM 'on or about' November 29 following news of a collapse in the company's net assets to less than half of its called up share capital of £251.5 million.

News that the banks have agreed to provide ongoing support for Queens Moat comes five months after they were presented with accountants Grant Thornton's 276-page investigation into the company. This document, which *The Times* has seen, makes the following points:

☐ Our assessment of the group's financial structure and shortterm cash generation suggests that the financial viability of the group in its present form is in serious doubt. There are a series of issues which threaten the survival of the group short term.

☐ Throughout our investigation, the absence of consolidated management information has made it extremely difficult to identify trends or to interpret the overall financial position of the group. In addition to there being no consolidated management accounts, the directors have been unable to provide us with detailed working papers which support either the interim announcement of profit before tax of £38.1 million or the full year forecast of profit before tax of some £80 million which was included in the information memorandum dated March 1993 relating to the proposed DM750 million revolving credit facility.

☐ The advantages of supporting the group and considering its proposals will enable lenders to avoid the consequences of a formal insolvency and allow time to assess the merits of the group's proposals compared to insolvency. Lenders would also have the opportunity of improving security. Whilst we consider the long term value of the group's assets may improve by avoiding insolvency, it is possible that the proposals from the group regarding future financing may require lenders to participate in a debt to equity conversion.

☐ The group has expanded rapidly over recent years. This has placed strains on the management of the group with which its systems and resources have not been able to cope. The consolidation process is extremely complex and time consuming and this has contributed to a scarcity of consolidated manhagement information at a group level.

☐ Group net assets have declined by almost £1 billion during 1992. By far the largest element of this results from the inclusion of the group's hotel properties at the draft valuation recently carried out by Weatherall Green & Smith. This resulted in a valuation deficit of in excess of £800 million against 1991 values.



MICHAEL POWELL

Levene to head new team at revitalised Canary Wharf

BY PATRICIA TEHAN AND ROSS TIEMAN

SIR Peter Levene, the former head of procurement at the Ministry of Defence, will today be appointed chairman and chief executive of a new company that will handle the day-to-day running of London's Canary Wharf office and retail development.

He will be joined by Patrick Garner, the former business development director of Trafalgar House Property. Mr Garner, aged 47 and a chartered accountant, will become finance director.

The appointments come as the administrators of the development officially hand over control of the project to its banks. A £1.1 billion rescue of Canary Wharf is expected to be completed in the High Court today.

The hearing will clear the way for John MacGregor, the transport secretary, to authorise work to begin on the £1.8 billion extension of the London Underground Jubilee Line, which will link Europe's biggest office development to the heart of the capital.

Stephen Adamson, Nigel Hamilton and Alan Bloom, joint administrators of Canary Wharf, won approval from unsecured creditors for company voluntary arrangements of the five main Canary Wharf companies at a meeting last month. They took the proposals to the court this month and approval is likely today.

The 12 banks, which had put £568 million into the development, will henceforth own Canary Wharf. The debt plus accruing interest will be restructured over 14 years, deferring repayment until 2007.

The government had refused to proceed on the tube link without a £98 million private sector contribution. The money is being provided by the European Investment Bank in return for a stake in Canary Wharf.

Ten of the original Canary Wharf lenders have agreed to provide additional funding, made up of a £27 million letter of credit as payment to the unsecured creditors under the company voluntary arrangements, £157 million in support of the long-term development of the Canary Wharf project, and a further £300 million to be paid to London Regional Transport over 25 years.

When the court approves the arrangement, the Canary Wharf assets will be transferred to a successor company, Sylvester Investments, run by the banks. Sylvester will set up a new Canary Wharf management company, with a board headed by Sir Peter, with Mr Garner as finance director.

Sir Peter is also thought likely to continue to run the Docklands Light Railway until a replacement is found. He is also London deputy chairman of Wasserstein Perella.

The banks wanted a property specialist and turned to Mr Garner, who left Trafalgar House Property last month.

The court approval will clear the way for a dividend of up to 15p in the pound to the 1,400 unsecured creditors, many of them contractors. About 130 of the creditors will be asked to provide warranties for past work, for which they will receive an additional 25p in the pound.

A new dawn breaks for Canary Wharf today as a £1.1 billion rescue is completed in the High Court, enabling work to begin on the £1.8 billion extension of the underground Jubilee Line, linking London's Docklands to the rest of the capital.

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Clinton takes credit for 2.8% growth

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday trumpeted a $50 billion drop in the federal deficit and a 2.8 per cent growth rate in the third quarter as evidence that lower deficits and interest rates in the US are producing "the beginning of a significant economic recovery" that can probably endure.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose in response, jumping 35.49 points to 3,700.15 at midday.

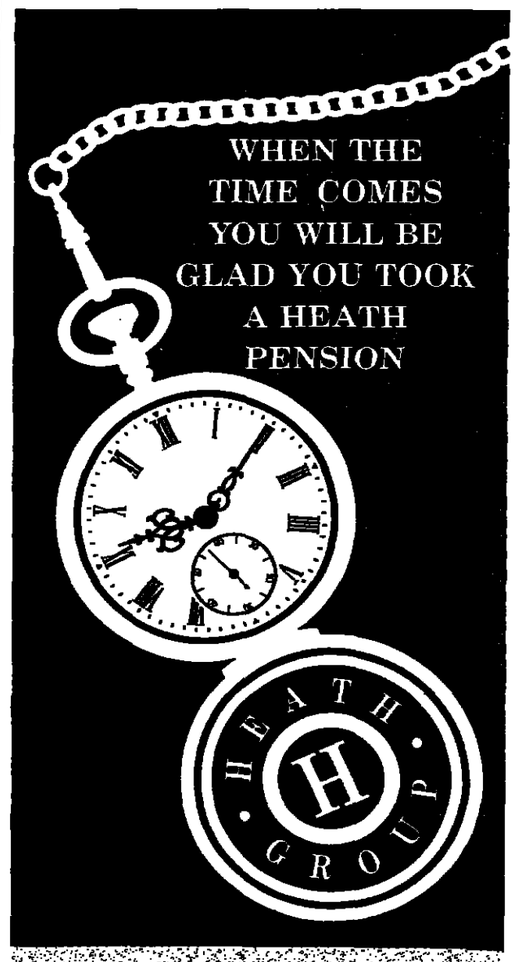
The president said he could not promise a full recovery because of the global economy, but the US was sustaining momentum based on its policies and without much help from overseas, given the the slow, to nil, growth in Europe and problems in Japan.

The president claimed that real results were being seen from his administration's policy during its first nine months of putting a primary focus on improving the economy.

When Mr Clinton took office, the federal deficit was projected at well over $300 billion for the government's financial year to September 30. Yesterday, the Treasury announced the actual figure was $255 billion, more than $50 billion below.

In the third quarter, the gross domestic product expanded at an annual rate of 2.8 per cent. It was the best performance this year, which saw two anaemic quarters of 0.8 per cent and 1.2 per cent, and the strongest since last year's closing quarter of 5.7 per cent. The third quarter could have been even better, 3.4 per cent, but for crop devastation caused by Mid West flooding and drought in the South East.

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Motor industry fights world fall in demand

Ford boom, GM gloom

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

GENERAL Motors yesterday tailed Ford and Chrysler in the US car industry's drive out of the US recession. America's largest carmaker remained in the red for the third quarter while its two rivals more than beat profit forecasts.

On North American car making — where GM lost $17 billion between 1990 and 1992 — losses narrowed for the third quarter from $1.9 billion to $1.1 billion and for the first nine months of this year from $22.8 billion to $1.4 billion.

In contrast, Chrysler reported record third-quarter profits of $423 million, almost double analysts' forecasts, and on Wednesday, Ford shares were at a peak after it bounced back into the black with its best quarter since 1988.

GM ended the nine months in the black only by good performances by its finance, electronics and computer services arms. They helped narrow the third quarter net loss from $1.1 billion to $113 million, and for the nine months lifted the company into the black with net profits of $1.3 billion ($22.8 billion loss).GM remains confident that its North American car operations can break even by the year end. Jack Smith, GM's chief executive, said: "We face some really tough issues. We've accomplished a lot but we still have a long way to go."

In Europe, third-quarter profits sank, but market share improved and the near 62 per cent climb to $422 million in the international profits (including Europe) was boosted by a 34 per cent sales rise in Latin America. GM share of the American market fell 1.3 per cent in the third quarter to 31.2 per cent. Two years ago it was 34.8 per cent. Group sales for the third quarter inched ahead 2 per cent to $30.19 billion and were 4.3 per cent better for the nine months at $101 billion.

VW threat to 30% of jobs

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN WOLFSBURG

VOLKSWAGEN, the German car maker blighted by weak sales and heavy losses, threatened to cut its workforce 30 per cent by 1995 unless steps were taken to cut costs.

Peter Hartz, personnel director, said VW had about 31,000 employees more than needed for its anticipated production two years from now.

To avoid big layoffs, Herr Hartz wants employees at the six west German plants of Europe's largest car maker to work a four-day, 28.8-hour week from January 1, a 20 per cent cut from the current five-day, 36-hour work week.

"We need to make a dramatic adjustment," Herr Hartz said. "Our task for the coming years will be to master the structural change. It is unavoidable that we reduce our personnel costs." Herr Hartz said Volkswagen realised it would not be able to cut wages by a fifth if a four-day week was introduced. But the company was still banking on considerable savings.

"Adjustments are urgently needed," he said. "We are standing before the question of either having massive layoffs or finding an alternative solution. I am confident we will be able to find a solution."

VW's works council gave a cautious welcome to the idea of reduced hours instead of layoffs but said negotiations on the plan were just starting and it would not be rushed to agree. Volkswagen is scheduled to start 1994 with 103,000 employees, down from 125,000 in mid-1992.

Herr Hartz said the workforce needs to be trimmed to just under 72,000 by the end of 1995 unless reduced hours are accepted. Volkswagen made a group net loss of DM1.6 billion in the first half of 1993. It expects sales of Volkswagen cars to fall to 1.4 million this year and next from 1.88 million in 1992.

Water customers face wide price variations

BY CARL MORTISHED

OFWAT, the water industry watchdog, disclosed huge differences in unit costs to customers of turning on the tap or emptying the bath in different areas of the country. Ofwat's annual report, *The cost of water delivered and sewage collected*, reveals that the average cost of water for customers in England and Wales rose from 52p to 54p per cubic metre last year. The unit cost of sewage, measured for the first time, was 68p per m^3.

The report shows wide price discrepancies across the country: Hartlepool delivers the cheapest water, at 37p per m^3, and Thames ranks close behind at 44p; but consumers of South East and Tendring Hundred are paying 97p and 92p per m^3, respectively. Sewage costs were highest for South West Water customers, who paid 107p per cubic metre collected; Thames customers paid only 50p.

Ofwat will use the statistics as a measure of efficiency in the current review of price limits, which is aimed at setting a ceiling on increases in water bills for the ten years from April 1995.

Shares in the water companies dipped, on renewed concerns that Ofwat will demand more efficiency savings from companies when the "K" factor, a percentage increase over the retail price index, is set next year.

Unit water costs may bear little relation to water bills paid by consumers, as figures are affected by quantities of water delivered. For example, Tendring Hundred's high unit cost reflects its low volumes.

Ian Byatt, director-general of Ofwat, said the figures provided valuable information on company performance. "At the periodic review, the onus of proof will be on high-cost companies to explain their costs," he said.

The report breaks down the unit cost of water into operational cost, depreciation and return on capital, which is defined as profit before interest. The report shows striking variations among unit profits earned by companies from supplying water; they range from as little as 5p per m^3 at Northumbrian to 36p at Tendring Hundred.

Mr Byatt emphasised that cost differences between companies did not necessarily mean differences in efficiency. "Unit costs can sometimes vary for reason beyond companies' control," he said.

These include geography, investment levels and individual companies' financial circumstances. High unit costs and a high unit return on capital may be required to finance expenditure to comply with environmental legislation. The high cost of sewage collection at South West Water is partly due to heavy environmental expenditure.

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WATER DELIVERED UNIT COSTS 1992-3

(All figures in pence per cubic metre)

	Cost to customers	Cost of operations	Capital maintenance	Return on capital
Thames	44	29	6	9
Southern	49	30	12	6
Northumbrian	49	33	10	5
Severn Trent	52	27	10	14
Wessex	56	30	15	11
Yorkshire	61	29	19	12
South West	62	36	10	15
Dwr Cymru	67	39	12	16
Anglian	69	35	17	16
South East	97	47	29	22

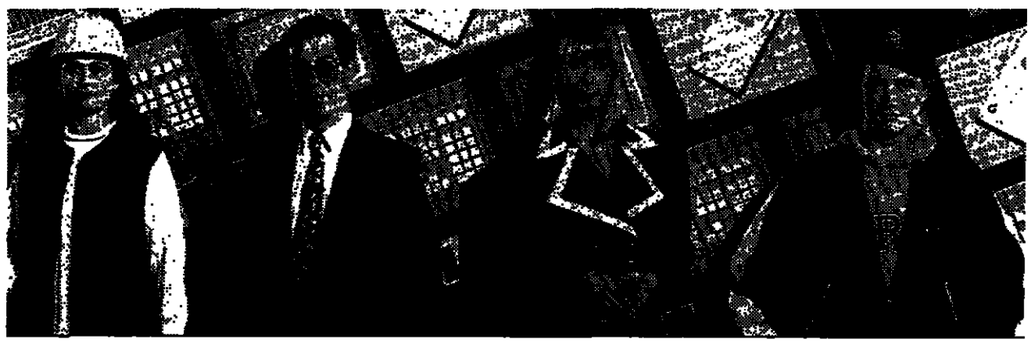
SEWAGE COLLECTED UNIT COSTS 1992-3

(All figures in pence per cubic metre)

	Cost to customers	Cost of operations	Capital maintenance	Return on capital
Thames	51	23	11	17
Northumbrian	64	28	17	19
Yorkshire	66	26	20	20
Severn Trent	69	24	22	23
North West	71	24	17	29
Southern	73	31	28	15
Dwr Cymru	74	27	19	27
Wessex	75	29	22	24
Anglian	87	35	16	36
South West	107	35	12	60

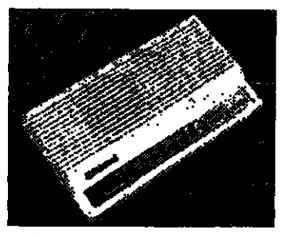


Ian Byatt said high costs would have to be explained



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Germans buy EBRD building

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE City building that cost Jacques Attali his job as head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has been sold to a German institutional fund, Deutsche Grundbesitz Investmentgesellschaft (DGI), for £170 million.

DGI has acquired the long leasehold interest in One Exchange Square, at 175 Bishopsgate, from Broadgate Properties, a joint venture between Stanhope Properties and the collapsed Rosehaugh property company.

The EBRD is paying an annual rent of £14.4 million for the 360,000 sq ft of offices. However, British Rail, the freehold owner of the site, is entitled to 6 per cent of the rent roll. That will leave DGI with a net income of £13.5 million and an investment yield of just under 8 per cent.

LEP, the freight-forwarding and property company, expects substantial interest from German funds in Swiss Bank House, the London headquarters of Swiss Bank Corporation near St Paul's Cathedral. LEP is selling the property to cut debts.

RJB to save Scottish mine co-op

By Ross Tieman
industrial correspondent

RJB Mining is making a recommended offer for Monktonhall Mineworkers, saving the jobs of 180 Scottish miners and providing a chance to recoup some of the £1.8 million they put into the co-operative.

The Nottinghamshire mining group plans to invest £3 million to open a second face at the Monktonhall colliery, south of Edinburgh. Richard Budge, RJB's chief executive, said that it believed that extra investment would "enable Monktonhall to produce coal at competitive prices".

Monktonhall, shut by British Coal in the mid-1980s, was re-opened by the co-operative last year. The miners each put in £10,000. In spite of a contract to provide coal for electricity generation, they lacked capital to develop the mine.

RJB will pay £1,000 per £10,000 share, valuing the pit at £167,000. Shareholders working in it will receive a £3,000 bonus if production targets are met next year and £1,000 if 1995 targets are met. With £2,250 of income tax relief allowed for the share loss, each miner's capital loss will be held to £2,750 if all goes to plan.

Wellcome nurses bruised share price

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SHARES in Wellcome, the drugs group, fell sharply yesterday as the City took fright at the slowdown in growth of Retrovir, the group's HIV treatment. The share price dropped 91p to 712p yesterday, against a 982p high for the year.

Sales of Retrovir rose to £248 million, from £213 million, for the year to August 31. However, excluding currency movements, underlying sales growth slipped to just 3 per cent, hit by the preliminary results from the Anglo-French Concorde trial in April, which cast doubt over the efficacy of the treatment.

John Robb, chairman and chief executive, said the group faced "a long haul" to turn Retrovir round after the adverse publicity, but he stressed that Concorde's final report had yet to be completed and other subsequent studies had taken a more positive view towards the drug. Trevor Jones, Wellcome's research director, criticised the "casual" way in which the preliminary findings had been released. The full Concorde data is expected by year-end.



Robb: long haul

Overall group pre-tax profits rose by 46 per cent from £457 million to £667 million on turnover up 20 per cent from £1.7 billion to £2.0 billion, in line with expectations. However, the bottom line was boosted by a £17 million exceptional item relating to the release of provisions on businesses sold last year. Mr Robb said the figures were "reasonable", but below budget. The group was beset with "unforeseen difficulties" in several main markets. European sales increased to £654 million, representing underlying growth of 9 per cent.

Intensifying price pressures were also felt in America, where underlying growth of 4 per cent lifted sales to £976 million. Mr Robb predicted continued pressure under President Clinton's healthcare reforms, with drug price rises staying below inflation.

Zovirax, used to treat herpes, lifted underlying sales by 11 per cent to £760 million. An over-the-counter version was launched in Britain at the end of the financial year and has already exceeded budgeted sales for the year. Mr Robb expects Zovirax sales growth to continue in double digits "for the forseeable future".

He said the group's cash pile of £567 million would be spent on new licensing arrangements to achieve its target of producing a new drug every year.

The final dividend is lifted from 9p to 12.5p, an increase of 33 per cent, making 17.3p for the year, up from 13p.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Forced redundancies due at Smithkline

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo-American healthcare group, refused to rule out compulsory redundancies among the 2,000 staff employed in its research and development operations after announcing plans to consolidate its R&D facilities. The group is to slim down its seven R&D facilities to three after buying a 40-acre site in Harlow, Essex, adjacent to one of its existing operations. The R&D sites at Brockham Park, Great Burgh, Reigate in Surrey and Worthing, West Sussex, will move to Harlow, while those at Tonbridge, Kent, and The Frythe will continue to operate separately. About 1,000 staff will be forced to move.

An SB spokesman said the plan would produce annual cost savings of "several million pounds". Some compulsory redundancies are expected, but the group would not be drawn on numbers. The development of the Harlow site, the former maritime headquarters of BP, will cost more than £200 million. Dr George Poste, chairman of R&D Pharmaceuticals, said it showed SB's commitment "to sustain a major R&D effort in the UK". The consolidation is expected to be completed by 1997.

Qantas in the red

QANTAS, the Australian airline 25 per cent owned by British Airways, said it expects to return to profit this financial year in spite of falling A$377.2 million (£170 million) into the red in the year to June 30. Gary Pemberton, chairman, said depressed markets had cut profitability, but that trading had improved in the current financial year. Asked whether Qantas would return to profit this year, he said: "We're in profit now." Profit for 1992-3, after interest costs, was A$32.9 million, against A$102.6 million. The loss, after last-time profit of A$137.3 million, came after a A$446.4 million charge for accountancy changes and one-off costs. **Tempus, page 29**

Dividends suspended

NATIONAL Medical Enterprises, the Los Angeles-based hospital management group that owns 42 per cent of Westminster Health Care Holdings, Britain's largest nursing home concern, yesterday suspended all dividend payments and gave warning of a sizable charge against profits in its second quarter, which ends next month. The group is under investigation from the FBI and earlier this month set aside $250 million to settle more than 100 civil fraud and malpractice legal actions. As a result, National Medical made a $40 million loss in its first quarter which ended on August 31, instead of a $120 million profit.

Taxi ride to profit

A REBOUND in taxi manufacturing put Manganese Bronze Holdings back into profit in the year to July 31. The shares rose by 20p, to 117p, boosting the group's market capitalisation by more than a fifth, to £19.3 million. Manganese, other activities of which include metal powders and precision components, said taxi sales were significantly better than a year ago; it had raised weekly production from 32 to 36 vehicles. Peak production was 70 black cabs a week in the late 1980s. Pre-tax profit of £1.5 million compares with a loss of £2.4 million last time. A final dividend of 2p makes a total of 2.5p (1p).

Regal Hotels cut loss

REGAL, the USM-quoted hotel group that underwent a financial reconstruction last December, accompanied reduced interim losses with news that it plans to accelerate its acquisition programme in the second half. The company reported a pre-tax loss of £403,000 in the six months to July 4, against a not strictly comparable taxable deficit of £663,000 last time. The pre-tax loss on continuing activities was £181,000. Turnover stood at £1.23 million (£1.5 million). An extraordinary gain of £1.35 million helped Regal to a retained profit of £944,000. The loss per share was 0.17p (6.2p). There is again no interim dividend.

Lloyd's fund complete

HISCOX Select Insurance Fund, which counts Robert Hiscox, deputy chairman of Lloyd's, among its directors, has become the first of the new Lloyd's corporate capital trusts to raise its full quota of funds. Net proceeds of £28.9 million have been raised through a placing by Charterhouse Tilney Securities to support an overall premium limit of £50 million in 1994. Roberts & Hiscox, a members' agency, will advise the fund. Morgan Grenfell International Funds Management has been appointed investment manager. Dealings begin on November 8.

BCCI compensation plea

THE Western Isles Council, which lost £24 million in the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International in 1991, yesterday called on the government to provide compensation to creditors. The call follows the upholding, on Wednesday, by the Luxembourg appeals court of an appeal by three creditors against a $1.7 billion compensation plan from the bank's majority shareholders, the Abu Dhabi authorities. The plan had been negotiated by BCCI's liquidators and Abu Dhabi officials. The liquidators say that it could now be up to ten years before any payment is made.

Ramco's discovery hope

RAMCO Oil Services, the Aberdeen company with a small stake in an oil and gas discovery in Azerbaijan, says that progress is being made towards a contract between the former Soviet republic and a Western consortium, including Ramco and BP, wishing to exploit an estimated 4 billion barrels. Ramco, whose main work involves maintaining drilling gear and coating pipelines, lifted pre-tax profit 18.8 per cent, to £297,000, in the half year to end-June, on reduced turnover of £2.57 million (after £2.87 million). Earnings rise to 1.27p a share (0.95p). There is again no interim dividend.

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☐ Plenty of other EC agencies left for London ☐ Berlin stages the real Euro-summit ☐ Ofwat should encourage mergers

Come to Britain — we're cheap

☐ RATHER tactless timing, some may think, for German investors to buy the headquarters of the European Bank in London yesterday. Today, the German government will be moving might and main at the EC summit in Brussels to make sure there are no last minute hitches in its campaign to site the European Monetary Institute, precursor to the EC central bank, in Frankfurt.

Rather, it shows what a good place London is at the moment to house EC institutions, precisely because property is so cheap. The German fund is paying just £170 million for the building on which Jacques Attali and his friends lavished £55 million, an enormous commitment that is likely to keep this enviably blue chip tenant securely in place. Yet this prime property investment will yield its new owners about 8 per cent in sterling, a higher prospective return than investors can obtain on virtually any decent security if inflation is above zero.

Sadly, the British government has expended far too much political energy in Europe in an attempt to bring the central bank surrogate to the City. The practical argument is overwhelming for siting the bank at the centre of international financial markets rather than at the other end of a long-distance telephone. The political battle was surely irretrievably lost when Britain insisted on distancing itself from the single currency the new institution would be set up to run. Britain is left with nothing but a residual hope that last minute fears of German financial dominance might upset Helmut Kohl's well-laid plans.

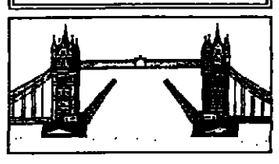
How much better if we had bowed to reality and gone much harder for other European goodies. No less than eight such prizes might be allocated at the EC summit if the Belgians have done their round-the capitals diplomacy well. The best available prize for London, and our second choice, would be the European Medicines Evaluation Agency, for approval of new drugs. Britain has far greater international status in pharmaceuticals than in banking. As a letter to *The Times* from many closely linked to the industry points out (Page 21) 8 per cent of world research and development spending takes place in Britain, helping to explain the success of our leading firms in new treatments, and the industry worldwide wants London to host the EMEA.

That looks the best bet for Cabinet efforts in Brussels today. In the long run, the environmental agency should prove the biggest prize. Apart from that one year after the Greens did well in the European elections, however, Whitehall's main interest has been to attack EC environment initiatives. Much the same story as on European monetary initiatives, leading, unfortunately to much the same result.

Offstage alarums

☐ ASIDE from sharing out the Euro-goodies, the summit seems designed to avoid the touchier issues arising from the Maastricht treaty, which is due to come into effect, ten months late, on Monday. If Economic and Monetary Union, the centrepiece of that treaty, were only ten months behind schedule it would be a miracle. As Andrew Britton of the National Institute argued at a more academic

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meeting yesterday, the difficulties of moving haltingly through semi-fixed to fixed exchange rates and thence to a single currency are so daunting that they could be sustained only by overwhelming political will. As if by telepathy, Erik Hoffmeyer, governor of the Danish central bank, was simultaneously telling a conference in Copenhagen that the political will needed even to resurrect the old continental ERM was notably absent.

Perhaps he was premature, more's the pity. While the Belgians will put off the EC's plan for economic recovery until the next summit in December — presumably because there is no such plan — Germany and France are hoping to by-pass this process altogether off-stage.

Remember when the Germans cancelled a visit to France, and the Bundesbank recoiled in horror, because the French economics minister announced in advance that it was to agree a joint strategy for growth. Suddenly this bilateral initiative has been resurrected. A plan for economic convergence of France and Germany will be unveiled, the French promise, after a joint meeting in Berlin on Tuesday. Like as not, it will be linked to a programme to get the ERM back on track, perhaps on the Giscard d'Estaing formula of reconstructing 6 per cent bands in the new year and getting back to 2¼ per cent a year later.

If citizens of the two states were asked for their order of priorities, it is a fair bet that they would put recovery ahead of convergence — as would frustrated British exporters. Yet this does not seem to be on the table. Edouard Balladur is still taking the unreconstructed line the British government briefly took just after last year's devaluation. Although the currencies are, in effect, freely floating, M Balladur argues that any faster cuts in French interest rates would undermine the franc and force rates back up again. In other words, he still insists that the speculators, who sold the franc precisely because the French economy needed, and was ready for, a monetary stimulus, were wrong. Sounds more a case of political won't.

Water, but not at any price

☐ THE chief reason for stopping water suppliers taking each other over was for Ian Byatt, the industry's financial regulator, to compare their performance as a surrogate for competition. He could then set prices obliging all to be as efficient as the best. If that concept has any reality, the lastest annual cost comparisons published by Ofwat ought to play a significant role in next year's price-setting review.

Small water-only companies occupy most of the extremes. Hartlepool, for instance, has little to fear since it was picked out for praise in Ofwat's recent review of service, as well as providing the cheapest water on the artificial measure of cost per cubic metre — not necessarily the same as the average bills unmeasured users pay. At the other extreme, the French-owned Tendring Hundred and South East water companies, whose overall costs are 2.6 times as high, will have some explaining to do since they have relatively high operating costs and leakage, as well as heavy investment commitments.

Among the big privatised groups, differences are smaller. Most are explained by rainfall, terrain and the rate of investment needed to meet standards. High-cost South West has already been through the mill to have higher price limits agreed. Even so, Northumbrian's long tradition for efficiency still shows and some companies' preference for cheap and cheerful investment is paying off, providing lessons for others.

Paradoxically, comparisons show that a few of the smaller suppliers really ought to be taken over by the neighbouring privatised water and sewage group for the sake of customers' pockets. Mr Byatt could encourage this by setting prices that take account of what the bigger neighbour would need to charge, but it would take a brave regulator to force mergers.

ICI forges ahead after European sales drive

BY NEIL BENNETT

AN AGGRESSIVE sales drive into continental Europe, ongoing rationalisation and the continuing benefits of sterling's devaluation helped Imperial Chemical Industries stage a strong recovery in the third quarter of the year, the first full quarter since the group's demerger from Zeneca. Pre-tax profits leapt from £22 million to £73 million.

Despite the improvement, Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, said that ICI's prices remain under pressure in all areas. "Although we are seeing a steady but unexciting recovery in the United States, difficult trading conditions continue in continental European markets," he said.

Profits in the third quarter were higher than most City forecasts, and the shares rose 13p to 718p. Profits for the first nine months were £240 million, 43 per cent higher than the same period in 1992.

In the nine months, ICI increased turnover by 12 per cent to £6.35 billion. Currency benefits have accounted for 10 percentage points of the rise, but 3 percentage points have been achieved through volume gains, even though many of the group's chemical and materials markets have been flat or declining. The rise in volumes, however, has been partly offset by a 1 percentage point slide in prices, although this was smaller than expected and could be a sign that prices for industrial chemicals are finally bottoming out.

A number of ICI's new plants and products are also beginning to contribute profits. The group had a full quarter's contribution from its new Taiwan PTA plant which is used for polyester, while demand for Klea, ICI's CFCs replacement, is growing in Europe and the US.

The biggest turnaround in the third quarter occurred in the materials division, which reported a £3 million profits compared with a £9 million loss last time. The materials division has undergone much of the group's rationalisation and the benefits are coming through. The recent acquisition of Dupont's acrylics business also improved the division's performance.

The paints division also staged a third quarter recovery, increasing its profits by £1 million to £35 million. Alan Spall, ICI's financial controller, said demanding was recovering in the decorative market, but price cutting was still rife. "The consumer is only coming out of the trenches when there is a special offer. The UK economy may be off the bottom, but this is a fairly joyless recovery," he said.

Over the past year ICI has used its currency advantage in continental Europe to step up its sales drive, and the figures show the effect of the new contracts it has been winning, with sales volumes rising against a falling market.



Sir Denys: price pressure

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Gerrard & National profit falls by 25%

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PROFITS of Gerrard & National, the financial group, fell by more than a quarter, to £10.42 million, in the half year to October 5 after a collapse in the profit of discount house operations. The decline was greater than expected, with City analysts looking for profits of about £13 million. This is the first time Gerrard has released interim figures, which made it difficult for analysts to make a forecast.

The interim dividend is held at at 6p after earnings of 14.6p, down from 22.2p.

Profits at the discount house fell by 90 per cent, to £500,000, reflecting, in part, bumper profits in the previous year from the European exchange-rate mechanism. "With no movements in official interest rates, there have been few clear trading opportunities, whereas in the six months to October 5, 1992, trading benefited from large profits following the UK's exit from the ERM," the company said.

Pre-tax profits from the trading division, which includes the discount house, fell by £5.6 million, to £2.5 million. Profits from the broking division rose by £1.6 million, to £7.9 million, aided by a 53.9 per cent jump in profit, to £4.7 million, by GNI Holdings, its futures business. Gerrard & National said that broking profits tend to be evenly distributed between the halves of the year, but the timing of trading profit is uncertain.

Philip Gibbs, an analyst at BZW, cut his forecast for full-year pre-tax profits to £23 million, from £26 million, against a reported £25.2 million last time.

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STOCK MARKET

Price war fear slims supermarket shares

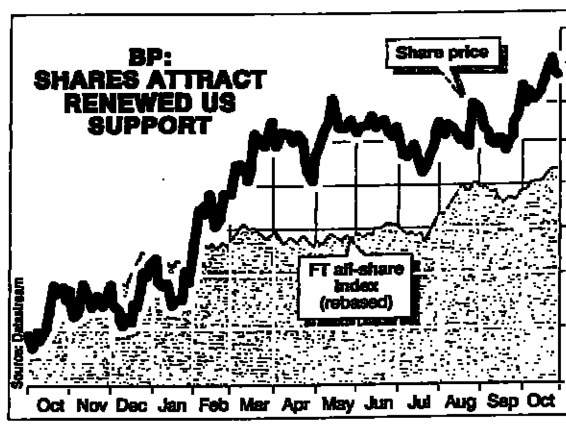
CLAIMS that the high street food price war is about to intensify, sent shares of the big supermarket chains lower

Despite denials of claims that the company was about to cut the cost of several hundred lines of non-perishable goods, shares of **J. Sainsbury** slid 14p to 402p. There were also losses for **Asda**, 1¼p to 55½p, **Argyll**, 8p to 296p, **Iceland Group**, 9p to 175p, **Kwik Save**, 14p to 651p, **William Morrison Supermarkets**, 3p to 99p, **Nurdin & Peacock**, 3p to 189p, and **Tesco**, 10p to 206p.

Even if the story is untrue, it will have succeeded in again highlighting the problems faced by the food retailers, and will have done nothing to restore investor confidence in the sector. It has been a difficult week for the supermarket chains, with Sainsbury, Tesco and Argyll failing in the courts on Wednesday to overturn a planning application by Costco, the US food discount chain, to open a store in this country.

The rest of the equity market managed to apply the brakes to this week's losses, helped by an opening surge on Wall Street which carried the Dow Jones industrial average to a new high following better than expected US gross domestic product figures.

The FT-SE 100 index spent a volatile session, wiping out an eight point fall before closing below its best of the day. It ended 8.7 up at 3,163.0. A total of 739 million shares were traded. It was a resilient performance by the market, made all the more impressive by its ability to brush aside an 87p fall in the price of **Wellcome** to 715p on the back of some disappointing trading news. Pre-tax profits were 46 per cent ahead at £667 million, but the group warned that sales in North America had slowed to show a rise of 4 per cent because of pressures within the industry and arguments about the clinical trials of Retrovir, its anti-Aids drug. The rest of the sector was



mixed following this week's nervousness, with **Glaxo** up 10p at 692p and **Zeneca** 6p firmer at 781p, while **SmithKline Beecham A** fell 1p to 421p after announcing plans to consolidate pharmaceutical research and development activities at a cost of £200 million. **ICI** advanced 13p to 718p on the back of third-quarter figures showing pre-tax profits up from £22 million to £73 million. The group said it had been helped by lower costs and currency fluctuations. Profits for the nine months are up from £168 million to £240 million.

It was another volatile trading session for **Ferranti International**, with the price halving to 2p as GEC announced terms of an agreed bid. As expected, GEC is offering 1p a share, valuing Ferranti at £10.1 million. GEC responded to the news with a rise of 6p to 349p. By the close of business a total of 56 million shares had changed hands.

Rank Organisation reacted to some better than expected figures from Xerox Corporation, with a rise of 24p to 832p. This will no doubt intensify speculation that the group is close to disposing of its 49 per cent stake in Xerox. Brokers will have a chance to question Rank on such plans when they meet for a regular up-date later today.

BP climbed 9p to 345p, helped by revived US support for the shares and buy recommendations from NatWest Securities and BZW. Other brokers are also urging clients to switch from **Shell**, down 7p at 702p, into BP. NatWest has increased its forecast of pre-tax profits for the third quarter by £30 million to £250 million. The figures are due to be published next week.

CentreGold, the computer games publisher, made a succesful start to trading following an intermediary placing which was oversubscribed. Placed at 125p, the price ended the day at 167p, a premium of 42p.

The banks attracted selective support before the dividend reporting season, with gains for **Barclays**, 8p to 564p, **Abbey National**, 6p to 424p, **Bank of Scotland**, 5p to 193p, **HSBC**, 3p to 747p, **Lloyds Bank**, 2p to 566p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 5p to 360p and **TSB Group**, 4½p to 224½p.

☐ **GILT EDGED** clawed back earlier losses generated by a weak US bond market. The December series of the long gilt touched a low for the day of £113³/₈ before rallying to close £⁵/₁₆ higher at £114¼ with 65,000 contracts completed. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose seven ticks to £118⁷/₃₂, while at the shorter end Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was five ticks firmer at £113½.

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Four and a half pillars of wisdom

You have probably heard the old story about rival claims to be the oldest profession. After the usual runners are eliminated, we are down to an accountant and an economist. "God needed us on the first day" says the accountant, "when he made order out of chaos." Not quite a knockout. "Aha!" says the economist. "But who made the chaos?"

This was dredged up yesterday by Patrick Minford, jokiest of the Chancellor's seven wise men, at the Institute of Economic Affairs' annual conference surveying the economy. It was very much to the point. Four of the seven, who recently published their agreed advice to go for virtue — but slowly — were on the programme (a real IEA coup). The views of a fifth, Wynne Godley, also featured. Result, as in the story, chaos. Kenneth Clarke may be grateful he was not there to hear them.

The bad news came from Bill Martin of UBS, speaking partly for the absent Godley. Sounding like a Labour politician, Martin saw the trade gap as revealing deep structural problems in the British economy. Any attempt at fast growth would tip us straight into an old-fashioned sterling crisis; rebalancing the economy for growth would take years. Grit your teeth time.

Sheer nonsense, according to the often minatory Tim Congdon, of all people. Greeting the "best economic news since the 1980s", he claimed we could now combine above-trend growth with low inflation, and problems would melt away. The trade gap was just a bogey for simple minds, who took a Micawber view of economic management. The deficit reflected the welcome tendency of capitalists everywhere to invest here, and could be sustained for decades. The Chancellor should cut interest rates, and move in a stately way to get his finances in order.

This was too simple by half for Andrew Sentance of the CBI: the government's improvidence was undermining domestic thrift, and condemning the country to low investment. This might still lead to the same conclusion as the Congdon analysis, and did include lower rates. Sentance's fiscal prescription, which seemed to rely on cutting unemployment by sacking government economists, seemed obscure and incomplete. The point was that he saw the problem as urgent, where Congdon was relaxed.

On to Minford, who saw Britain as the potential bright spot in a grim developed world. He set out to explain the world recession, and concluded that it was due to irresistible competition from the emerging economies: all mature economies would lose market share, and real wages would have to fall — possibly through a series of exchange-rate crises. But the flexible and efficient could still thrive and the US and Britain were best placed. Britain was leading in the efficiency stakes, but was hampered by not having Alan Greenspan in charge of monetary policy. All very plausible; but it is worth noting that Brian Reading, who is Congdon's international other half, sees the emerging market boom as ground for optimism.

Perhaps I have overstated the chaos; it was easy to find much to agree with in the analyses of all the wise men actually present, though not perhaps with the apocalyptic Godley — and not an inflation-worrier in sight. Andrew Britton, the fourth, talked about the EMU rather than anything now existing, and foresaw a difficult birth, if any; an impossible one according to Alan Walters, Mrs Thatcher's one-man panel, who also spoke. Given the Minford analysis, which is certainly grim news for continental Europe, it is easier to foresee the pains than the birth.

Indeed, this was a thoroughly Eurosceptic gathering. That may sound perfidiously British but it was a new and cheering experience to find the roundest denunciation of much EC, and all French, policy coming from a Frenchman, Charles Gave, known in London as an international investment manager. "It is the same people," he said a little implausibly, "making the same mistakes as in 1934. It caused catastrophe then, and will again." It would be interesting to study his portfolio.

MARKET AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4785 (same)
German mark .... 2.4945 (+0.0088)
Exchange index .... 80 6 (+0 2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

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FT-SE 100 .... 3163.0 (+8 7)
Dow Jones .... 3700.15 (+35.49)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19479.45 (-359.33)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank 5¾-5⅝%
US Federal Funds 3%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.05-3 03%*
Long Bond 5.98%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4783*	£:$	1.4890
$:DM	1.6875*	£:DM	2.5058
$:SWfr	1.4915*	£:SWfr	2.2018
$:Ffr	5.8975*	£:Ffr	8.7530
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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 369 10 .... PM 368.55
Close 369.50-370.00
New York
Comex 370.15-370.65*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $16.30 per bbl (Dec)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141 9 Sept (1.8%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Hambros	402p (+17p)
Kleinwort Benson	525p (+19p)
Blue Circle	301p (+10p)
ICI	718p (+13p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	438p (+12p)
Trinity Hldgs	247p (+12p)
Powell Duffryn	610p (+13p)
Porvair	303p (+20p)
Betterware	207p (+14p)
Cable Wireless	986p (+14p)

FALLS:

Cater Allen	569p (-15p)
Union Discount	164p (-10p)
Sothebys	908p (-12p)
Wellcome	712p (-91p)
Euro Disney	558p (-10p)
Vodafone	545p (-11p)

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Invergordon accepts bid from W&M

By Martin Flanagan

DIRECTORS of Invergordon Distillers, the Scottish whisky company, reluctantly urged shareholders to accept the 300p-a-share takeover offer by Whyte & Mackay. They confirmed that they would sell their own holdings for about £21 million.

However, they repeated their claim that the offer by Whyte & Mackay, the UK drinks offshoot of American Brands, failed to value the company fairly.

In a letter to shareholders, they said Invergordon's directors and their families intended to accept the offer in respect of their 7 million shares. Chris Greig, the managing director, together with his family interests, will receive £12.5 million for his 3.3 per cent stake. Dr Greig led a vain two-year battle to preserve Invergordon's independence.

In addition, more than 200 of the group's 500 employees are understood to have about 2,000 shares each; a much smaller number have up to 25,000. For them, the bid's success will mean cheques of between £6,000 and £75,000.

Invergordon said it had persuaded Whyte & Mackay to agree a loan note alternative to the main offer. It means shareholders may be able to stagger tax owed on their capital gains.

Invergordon, which fought off a £286 million bid from W&M two years ago, knew its days were numbered when Fleming Investment Management last week accepted the new terms for its pivotal 13.5 per cent stake. Fleming's decision gave the unwanted suitor control, as it already had 41.2 per cent of the company from the earlier fray.

The final bid valued Invergordon, with brands including Glayva and Isle of Jura, at £382.4 million. A management buyout team paid Hawker Siddeley £93 million for the company in 1988. Five W&M directors will join the Invergordon board next week; James Millar, Invergordon's chairman, and two fellow non-executives will resign shortly.

Asked what his plans might be for the £12.5 million he will get for his stake, Dr Greig said: "I have not even thought. My business life has given me a lot of pleasure. Money isn't everything."

JAMES MORGAN



John Shannon, chairman and chief executive

Country Casuals held back

By Susan Gilchrist

THE cost of setting up the Koto chain, aimed at younger women, reduced pre-tax profits at Country Casuals, the fashion retailer headed by John Shannon, from £405,000 to £117,000 for the six months to July 24.

The new chain, originally named Wild Women, also suffered from stock shortfalls and difficulties with its supplier, Ted Baker.

Although sales have been more promising at the start of the second half, the group says the project "remains under review".

House of Lerose, bought for £10.8 million in April, contributed pre-tax profit of £49,000. Lerose's Elvi outsize brand, previously sold only in The Netherlands, was introduced in 17 shop-in-shop concessions in Britain, and the group plans to open up to 30 stand-alone stores by next summer. The wholesaling arm of the Lerose business is to be closed down.

Profits from the Country Casuals brand were hit by the high level of clearance activity by its competitors and poor summer weather.

Sales of the autumn/winter collection, however, have started well. The group, which made its stock market debut in June of last year, is paying its first interim dividend of 1.4p.

WALL STREET

New York — Wall Street shares held their broadly based rally at midday as reports of economic growth, and buy programmes, pushed major indices higher. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 35.49, to 3,700.15.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended sharply lower, with sales sparked by precipitous falls in newly-listed East Japan Railway (JR East) shares, brokers said. Lower futures on the back of a nervous currency market invited arbitrage unwinding. The Nikkei average ended down 359.33, or 1.81 per cent, at 19,479.45. The Nikkei fell for the third day in a row, for a total drop of 829.88.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares closed higher as investors scrambled for limited amounts of stock and offshore buying returned. The all-ordinaries index closed up 8, at 2,076.3. *(Reuter)*

	Oct 28 midday	Oct 27 close
AMP Inc	62⅝	62
AMR Corp	70⅛	69½
Abbott Labs	28	27¾
Aetna Life	63	63½
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅛	18½
Air Prod & Chem	42⅝	41½
Albertson's	25⅛	24⅛
Alcan Alumnm	20⅝	20⅝
Alco Standard	45⅞	45⅞
Allied Signal	71⅛	70⅝
Alum Co of Am	69⅝	68½
Amax	22⅛	22⅛
Amerada Hess	53	52⅝
Amer Brands	33⅞	33⅝
Amer Cyanamid	54½	54
Amer El Power	38⅝	38⅝
Amer Express	32⅝	32⅝
Amer Genl Corp	29⅝	29⅝
Amer Home Pr	62⅛	62⅞
Amer Intl	90⅛	89⅛
Amer Stores	40⅝	40⅝
Amer T & T	58⅝	57⅝
Ameritech	85⅛	84⅝
Amoco	56½	56
Anheuser-Busch	47⅝	47⅝
Apple Computer	32	31½
Archer Daniels	22⅝	22⅝
Arkla	8⅛	8½
Armco	5⅝	5⅛
Armstrng Wrld	45⅝	45⅛
Asarco	18⅝	17⅛
Ashland Oil	34⅛	34⅝
Atl Richfield	112⅝	112⅛
Auto Data Pro	53⅝	53½
Avery Dennison	27⅛	27⅛
Avon Products	50⅝	49⅝
Baker Hughes	22⅝	21½
Baltim Gas & El	26⅝	26½
Banc One	38⅝	38½
BankAmerica	42	42⅝
Bank of NY	53⅛	52⅛
Bankers Tr NY	80⅝	79⅝
Barnett Banks	41½	40⅝
Bausch & Lomb	51½	50⅛
Baxter Intl	24⅛	24
Bectn Dicknsn	38⅛	37⅛
Bell Atlantic	63½	62⅝
BellSouth	62⅝	62½
Black & Decker	19⅞	19½
Block (H&R)	40⅛	39⅛
Boeing	37⅝	37⅝
Boise Cascade	21½	21½
Borden Inc	16½	16½
Bristol Myrs Sq	57⅝	57⅝
Browning Ferris	22⅝	22⅝
Burlington Nthn	55⅝	55
CBS	309	307½
CNA Financial	83⅝	81½
CPC Intl	48⅝	48⅝
CSX	80⅝	79⅛
Campbell Soup	42⅝	42⅝
Can Pacific	16½	16½
Cptl Cities ABC	622⅛	621
Cptl Holdings	41½	41½
Carolina Pwr	31½	31½
Caterpillar	90⅝	90⅝
Central & SW	32⅛	31½
Champion Intl	30⅝	30⅛
Chase Manhat	33⅛	32⅝
Chemical Bk	41½	40⅝
Chevron Corp	97½	96⅛
Chrysler	56⅝	55⅛
Chubb Corp	81½	80⅛
Cigna Corp	64⅛	64⅝
Citicorp	36	35½
Clorox	52⅝	52
Coastal Corp	26⅝	26⅛
Coca Cola	43⅝	43
Colgate-Palmolive	58⅛	58⅝
Columbia Gas	26	25⅞
Commonw Ed	30	29⅛
Compaq Comp	67⅛	67⅛
Comp Ass Intl	38⅛	37⅝
Conagra	26	25⅛
Cons Edison	34⅛	34⅝
Cons Nat Gas	48	47⅝
Cons Rail	60⅛	60⅛
Cooper Inds	51½	51⅛
Corning Inc	26	26⅝
Crown Cork	38⅛	38⅛
Dana Corp	58⅛	58⅝
Dayton Hudson	69⅛	67⅛
Deere	78⅝	77⅛
Delta Air Lines	57⅝	57⅛
Deluxe Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Detroit Edison	33½	33⅝
Digital Equip	36½	36⅝
Dillard Dept St	37⅝	37⅝
Disney (Walt)	42⅛	42
Dominion Res	48⅛	48
Donelley (RR)	29⅝	29½
Dover Corp	57⅝	57⅝
Dow Chemical	55⅝	55⅝
Dow Jones	36½	35⅝
Dresser	21½	21½
Duke Power	43⅝	43⅛
Dun & Brdstreet	66½	66⅛
Du Pont	47⅝	46½
Eastman Kodak	63⅝	58⅛
Exxon Corp	54½	53⅝

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Emerson Elec	58⅛	57⅛
Engelhard Corp	28	27½
Enron Corp	33⅛	33
Entergy Corp	38⅝	38½
Ethyl Corp	17⅛	17⅛
Exxon	66⅛	65⅝
FMC Corp	49⅝	48⅝
FPL Group	40⅛	39⅝
Federal Express	66⅝	66⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	79⅝	78⅛
First Chicago	44⅛	44½
First Interstate	58⅛	58
First Union Rlty	11½	11
Fleet Fnl Grp	31½	31½
Fluor Corp	40⅝	39⅛
Ford Motor	61½	60⅛
GTE Corp	38⅛	38⅛
Gannett	51⅛	50⅛
Gap Inc Del	34⅝	33⅝
Gen Dynamics	94	92⅛
Gen Electric	97⅛	97⅝
Gen Mills	64⅛	63½
Gen Motors	48⅛	46⅛
Gen Reinsurance	114⅝	113⅛
Gen Signal	35⅝	35⅝
Genuine Parts	37⅛	36½
Georgia Pac	66⅝	66
Gillette	60⅝	59⅝
Glaxo ADR	20⅝	20⅝
Goodrich (BF)	45⅝	45
Goodyear Tire	44⅛	44⅝
Grace (WR)	38	36⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26½	25⅝
Great Wstn Fin	18⅝	18⅝
Halliburton	33½	33½
Harcourt General	44⅛	44½
Heinz (HJ)	38⅛	38⅛
Hercules	98⅛	97⅛
Hershey Foods	53½	53⅝
Hewlett Packard	75⅛	75½
Hilton Hotels	47⅝	48⅛
Home Depot	39⅝	38⅛
Homestake Mng	19⅛	19⅝
Honeywell	34½	34⅝
Household Intl	36½	36⅝
Houston Inds	48½	47⅛
Humana	13⅛	13⅝
ITT Corp	92⅛	92⅛
Illinois Tool	38⅝	38
INCO	20⅛	20⅝
Ingersoll Rand	36⅝	36⅛
Inland Steel	33⅛	33⅛
Intel Corp	63½	64½
IBM	46	46
Intl Flav & Fr	106⅝	106½
Intl Paper	62⅛	62⅝
James River Va	20⅝	20⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41½	41½
K Mart	24⅛	23⅛
Kellogg	56⅛	55⅛
Kerr-McGee	51½	51½
Kimberly-Clark	52⅝	52
Knight-Ridder	55⅛	55⅛
Lilly (Eli)	57⅝	53⅝
Limited Inc	21½	21½
LIN Brdcstng	111½	111½
Lincoln Nat	46½	46½
Litton	66⅝	65⅝
Liz Claiborne	19	18⅝
Lockheed Corp	69⅝	67⅝
Louisiana Pac	36½	35⅝
MCI Commun	29	29
Marriott Ins	26½	26½
Marsh & McLnn	82	81½
MascoTec	31⅛	31½
May Dept St	45⅛	44½
Maytag Corp	15⅛	15
McCaw Cellular	53⅛	53½
McDonalds	56⅝	56⅛
McDonnell D	92⅝	90⅛
McGraw Hill	73⅝	70⅛
Mead Corp	42⅛	41⅛
Medtronic	72½	71½
Mellon Bk	54	54⅛
Melville Corp	42	42⅝
Merck Inc	32⅝	32
Merrill Lynch	95⅛	94⅝
Minnesota Mine	104⅝	103⅛
Mobil Corp	81½	81½
Monsanto	69⅛	68⅝
Morgan (JP)	73⅛	73½
Motorola Inc	103⅝	105⅛
Natl Medical	11½	11½
Natl Semi	16⅝	17⅛
Natl Service Ind	24⅝	24½
Navistar Int	27⅛	26⅛
NBD Bancorp	31½	31½
NY Times A	23⅝	23⅝
Newmont Mng	53	53⅛
Niag Mohawk	22½	22⅝
Nike B	47⅝	47⅝
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	34⅛	33⅝
Norfolk Sthrn	67⅝	67⅝
Nthn State Pwr	44⅛	44½
Norwest Corp	26½	26⅝
Nynex Corp	42⅝	43⅛
Occidental Pet	18⅝	18⅝
Ohio Edison	23⅝	23⅝
Oracle Systems	60⅛	59⅝

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Oryx Energy Co	24⅛	23⅛
Owens Corning	46	45⅛
PNC Financial	28⅛	28⅛
PPG Industries	70⅛	69⅛
Paccar Inc	65⅛	64½
Pacificorp	19⅝	19⅝
Pac Enterprises	26	25⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	36½	35⅛
Pac Telesis	55⅝	55⅝
Pall Corp	20⅛	20⅝
Panhandle East	22⅝	22⅝
Paramnt Comm	80⅝	80⅝
Parker Hannifin	35	34½
Penney (JC)	51½	49⅝
Pennzoil	57⅛	56½
Pepsico	40	39⅝
Pfizer	62⅝	61½
Phelps Dodge	42⅛	42⅛
Philadel Elec	31½	31½
Philip Morris	52⅝	51½
Phillips Pet	31⅛	31½
Pitney Bowes	40⅝	40
Polaroid	37⅛	36½
Price Co	40⅛	40⅛
Primerica	43½	42⅝
Procter & Gmbl	53⅝	52½
Pub Serv E & G	33⅛	33⅝
Quaker Oats	70⅝	69⅛
Ralston Purina	37⅝	37⅝
Raychem Corp	38½	38⅝
Raytheon	60½	61½
Reebok Intl	30	29⅛
Reynolds Metals	44⅝	44½
Roadway Srvcs	59⅛	59⅝
Rockwell Intl	35⅛	35⅛
Rohm & Haas	51½	50⅝
Royal Dutch	104⅝	104⅛
Rubbermaid	35⅝	35
Safeco Corp	57⅛	57⅛
St Paul's Cos	95	95⅝
Salomon Inc	44⅛	44⅝
Santa Fe Pac	18⅛	18⅝
Sara Lee Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Scecorp	20⅝	20⅛
Schering Plough	66⅛	67⅛
Schlumberger	62⅝	62½
Scott Paper	36⅛	36⅛
Seagram	28⅝	28⅛
Sears Roebuck	58⅛	57⅝
Shell Trans	62⅝	62⅛
Sherwin Wlms	36½	35⅛
Skyline Corp	17⅝	17½
Snap-On-Tools	40	40
Southern Co	45½	44⅛
Sthwestern Bell	43⅝	42½
Sprint Corp	36½	36½
Stanley Works	43⅛	43⅛
Sun Company	31	31½
Suntrust	44½	43⅝
Supervalu	34½	33
Syntex Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Sysco Corp	28⅛	28½
TRW Inc	67⅛	67⅛
Tandem Comp	11½	12⅛
Tandy Corp	41½	40⅝
Telecom Corp	3⅛	3½
Teledyne	26⅛	26½
Temple Inland	42⅛	42⅝
Tenneco	51½	50⅛
Texaco	67⅝	67½
Texas Inst	65⅝	66
Texas Utilities	45⅝	44⅛
Textron	58⅛	57
Time Warner	45	44½
Times-Mirror	33½	32⅝
Timken	32⅛	32⅝
Torchmark	46⅝	45⅝
Toys R Us	39⅝	39⅛
Transamerica	57⅛	58
Travelers Corp	34½	34
Tribune	55⅝	55
Tyco Labs	44⅛	43½
UAL Corp	149⅝	146⅛
UST Inc	26⅛	24⅛
USX Marathon	19	19
Unilever NV	113⅛	113½
Union Camp	43⅝	43⅝
Union Carbide	19⅝	19½
Union Pacific	61⅛	61½
Unisys Corp	11⅛	11½
USAIR Group	14⅛	14⅛
USF&G Corp	13⅝	13⅝
US Life	43	43½
US West	48⅝	48½
United Tech	62⅝	62⅛
Unocal Corp	29⅛	29⅝
Upjohn	31½	31½
VF Corp	41	41½
WMX Tech	24⅛	23⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅝	26
Warner-Lambert	68⅛	68⅝
Wells Fargo	113½	111⅛
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	41½	40⅛
Whirlpool	64	63⅝
Whitman	16	16
Winn Dixie	57⅝	55½
Woolworth	23⅝	23⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43⅛	42½
Xerox	79⅝	70⅝

RECENT ISSUES

BSM (170)	174	...
BZW Endwmnt Fd (100)	55	...
Cantab Pharmas (460)	455	+5
CentreGold (125)	167	...
Fleming Chinese Inv (100)	94	...
Fleming Chinese Wts	56	...
Gartmore Shrd Eqy Tst	107	-1
Gartmore Shrd Zero Pf	102½	-1
HTR Japanese Smler (100)	90	-1
HTR Japanese Warrants	44	-2
Hamlet (130)	139	...
London Fin & Inv Wts	14½	...
Parkdean Leisure (120)	133	...
Regent A	5¼	...
Rothmans Intl Uts	422	...
Scotia (290)	305	-2½
Select Inds	9¼	...
Shield Diags (112)	91	-2
Smler Co Inv Tst C (135)	141	...
VHE Holdings (115)	115	...
Vendome Luxury Units	316	-2
Virtuality Gp (170)	291	...
Wiggins Group	3½	+¼

RIGHTS ISSUES

Birkdale n/p (8)	1	...
Blick n/p (370)	65	...
Costain n/p (30)	1¼	-¼
Fenner n/p (80)	26	+1
Flagstone n/p (1)	½	...
Frost n/p (187)	35	...
JIB Group n/p (150)	23	...
MB-Caradon n/p (260)	77	...
Matthew Clark n/p (375)	135	+2
Mersey Docks n/p (330)	67	...
Safeland n/p (28)	10	...
Takare n/p (195)	22	-1
Wescol n/p (15)	3	...
Yule Catto n/p (215)	37	+2

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LEGAL NOTICES

ATKIN, WILLIAM ROBERT ATKIN otherwise WILLIAM ATKIN late of Bridlington, Humberside died there on 16 January 1993
(Estate about £75,000)

BUFFMAN, REUBEN BUFFMAN late of Stamford Hill, London N16 died there on 14 April 1993
(Estate about £50,000)

COBLEY, JOHN WILLIAM COBLEY late of Doncaster, South Yorkshire died there on 23 October 1979
(Estate about £18,000)

DONNELLY, PHILIP DONNELLY otherwise PHILLIP DONNELLY late of Middlesbrough, Cleveland died there on 22 May 1992
(Estate about £6,200)

DRAPER, SUSAN MARGERY DRAPER otherwise SUSAN DRAPER Spinster late of Ealing, London W5 died there on 15 May 1993
(Estate about £48,000)

IRWIN, CECIL late of Scunthorpe, Humberside died there on 9 August 1992
(Estate about £11,400)

JONES, MILLICENT MARY JONES SPINSTER late of Carmarthen, Dyfed died there on 5 March 1993
(Estate about £40,000)

SMITH, ELSIE SMITH SPINSTER late of Nottingham died there on 4 October 1992
(Estate about £100,000)

TOMEY, JOHN CHARLES TOMEY late of Shepherds Bush, London W12 died there on 8 January 1993
(Estate about £70,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

MULTI PURPOSE GROUP LTD.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 808 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ on 3 November 1993 at 2 pm for the purposes mentioned in sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Company's affairs may be obtained from G.M. Jones of Morison Stoneham, 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ, being a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
By Order of the Board
22 October 1993
M. Dexter-Tissington, Director

INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982
AXA ASSURANCES I.A.R.D.
TRANSFER OF GENERAL BUSINESS

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AXA Assurances I.A.R.D. applied to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on 27th October 1993 for his approval, pursuant to section 51 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, to transfer to AXA Marine & Aviation Insurance (UK) Ltd all of its rights and obligations under policies written by it in the United Kingdom up to 31st December 1990.

2. Copies of the Statement of Particulars of the proposed transfer, are available for inspection at 106 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 5BJ. Attention James D Morgan, Monday to Friday - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm when particulars may be inspected until 28th November 1993.

3. Written representations concerning the transfer may be sent to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Department of Trade & Industry, Insurance Division, 10-18 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0NN before 28th December 1993. The Secretary of State will not determine the application until after considering any representations made to him before that date.

No: 006906 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF LOTTO UK LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 6th October 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £3,000,000 to £1,010,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 25th October 1993.
DATED this 29th day of October 1993.
Middleton Potts
3 Cloth Street, Long Lane, London EC1A 7LD
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

West Bromwich Industries Ltd
Registered Number: 1216635. Former company name: House of Falman Ltd. Nature of business: Retailer of ladies fashionwear. Trade classification: 17. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 12 October 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Rosemary Falman. Administrative Receiver: Roger Laurence Cain (office holder no: 1576) Regency House 33 Wood Street Barnet Hertfordshire EN5 4BE.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Michael's Vineyards Limited
Registered number: 825083. Nature of business: Wholesalers of food and drink. Trade classification: 12. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 October 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Malcolm Cohen and Raymond Hocking (office holder nos: 6825 and 2322) Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA.

RE: MARICORN ENGINEERS LTD
and The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Tuesday the 9th November 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 5th November 1993.
Dated this 22nd day of October 1993.
Director

RE: T B ANDREWS LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Rd, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Friday the 12th November 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co. Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 10th November 1993.
Dated this 25th day of October 1993.
T G ANDREWS, Director.

SWIFTCARE GROUP LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, M4 1QD on Wednesday 3rd November 1993 at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr P Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD and Mr E Klempka of Coopers & Lybrand, Albion Court, 5 Albion Place, Leeds LS1 6JP are appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioners who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 20th day of October 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Mr P Norton, DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
FLINTCLOSE LTD
(In Administrative Receivership)
Formerly Carter Commercial Developments Ltd
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Flintclose Ltd (formerly Carter Commercial Developments Ltd) will be held at Swan Court, Swan Street, Old Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6RJ on the 9th day of November 1993 at 10.00 o'clock in the morning. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Price Waterhouse, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, SL4 1HB no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 28th October 1993
P N Spratt
Joint Administrative Receiver

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
THE CLEMENT GARAGE LTD
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 20th day of October 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A. Wheatley, DIRECTOR.

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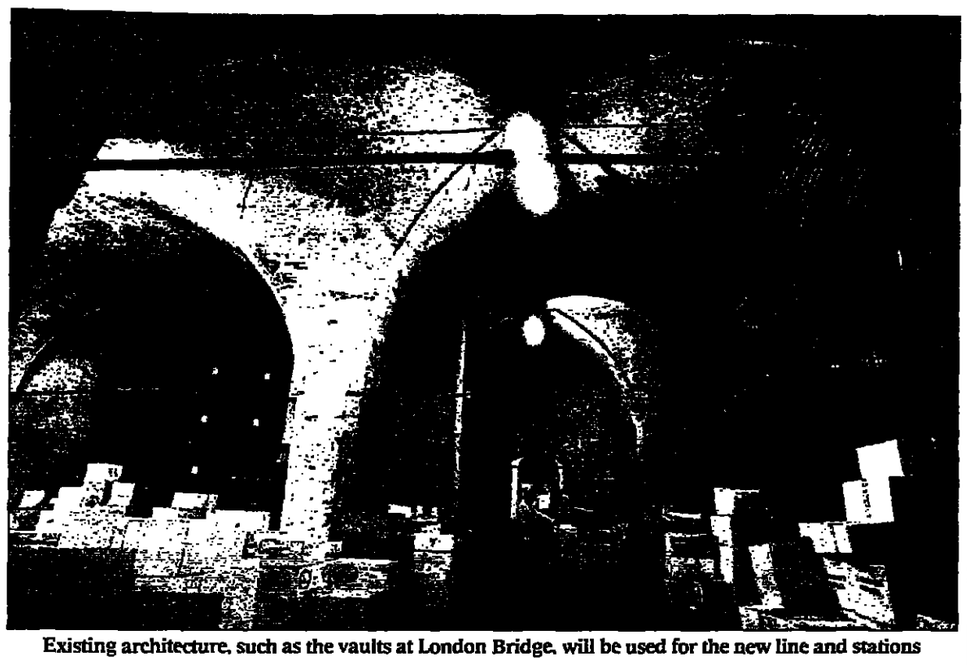
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Building an underground lifeline for the economy

First contracts for the £1.8 billion extension to the Jubilee Line are set to be signed within days. Ross Tieman counts the blessings for industry



Existing architecture, such as the vaults at London Bridge, will be used for the new line and stations

On the third floor of the Science Museum in London, beyond the 9ft replicas of steamships from bygone days, lies a model of the London docks. For 25 miles, the model shows, there are basins and wharfs, cranes and warehouses alongside the London River.

And so it was, 40 years ago. Today, the ships unload their containers downriver at Tilbury. The Docklands are a patchwork of renovation, renewal, and dereliction. The scale and extent of blight and contaminated land rivals that in Britain's northern or Midlands industrial heartland.

A laudable, government-inspired effort to revive parts of the area, launched by Baroness Thatcher during the earliest years of her administration, brought billions of pounds flowing eastwards into new offices, printing plants and supermarkets. Warehouses became restaurants and apartments for style-conscious City high-earners.

But since the 1980s' bubble burst, this higgledy-piggledy mixture of 19th century and high-tech architecture, of pastiche and functionality, has acquired a forlorn air. Tourists wander among the half-empty buildings, gawping at the inspiration, marvelling at the folly.

How else can anyone term the collective idiocy of developers who invested so much money in inaccessible projects and a government that failed to make transport provision? Improvements to the Docklands light railway and a belated race to build roads have come too late to restore the area's tarnished reputation for being hopelessly difficult to reach. The Jubilee Line Extension (JLE) of the London Underground should change all that.

A farmer in Fife might scoff at the suggestion that a £1.8 billion Tube line is anything but a waste of money to the sole benefit of feather-bedded Londoners and hare-brained property developers. But the Jubilee extension is important to the entire British economy, and for three reasons.

First, after years of sitting on its hands, the government has been steam-rollered into investing in a transport link that London desperately needs. At the same time, its policy of pinning public infrastructure projects to private sector contributions, attributed to Cecil Parkinson and Michael Portillo, has been shown up as absurd and unworkable.

Work was to have started on the Jubilee extension more than 18 months ago. But ministers refused to authorise the project without the £400 million contribution promised by Olympia & York, the collapsed developer of Canary Wharf.

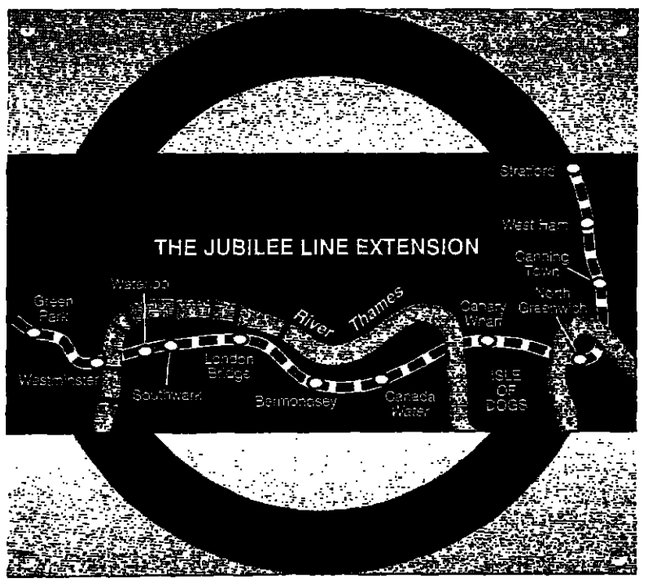
The emergence of O&Y from receivership will be the trigger for today's approval for work to begin. But the delay will cost the taxpayer more than £300 million in additional charges and rising construction costs, plus the huge, but unquantifiable loss from the delay in delivering the economic regeneration that will ensue.

To cap it all, the much-vaunted £400 million contribution is a chimera. O&Y's bankers will make an upfront payment of £98 million, with the rest to follow over 25 years. If inflation runs to trend, the total contribution will be worth little more than £160 million.

So much for policy. What about Britain's job-starved construction industry? Joe Dwyer, chief executive of Wimpey, said the go-ahead would be "excellent news" for all concerned. "The Jubilee line extension will not only provide an instant workload, but will also act as a catalyst for other development work in that part of London." But he also counselled against undue euphoria. The construction industry has lost 600,000 jobs since the onset of the recession, he said. "This announcement must not be used as an excuse by the Chancellor to cut the government's capital spending programme in a month's time." Another executive highlighted the timeliness of the project. "A lot of big contracts are dying out," he said. We need more to replace them. Big contracts are the lifeblood of our industry." The Jubilee project, to be completed in just 4½ years, will create work for 20,000 people in the construction, materials and equipment industries. More than 4,000 jobs will be provided on its construction sites. In total, it will bolster the workload of UK civil engineering by 3 per cent over the years to completion in 1997. It will also help fill gaps in the workload of the railway equipment industry, exacerbated by the hiatus surrounding privatisation of British rail, which threaten the survival of some equipment manufacturers. Even for those who know London well, it is hard to picture the project in the round, which starts at Green Park, on the existing Jubilee Line, and eventually comes back round into Canning Town, West Ham and Stratford, the forgotten East End suburb apparently destined to become a hub for Britain's high-speed rail network in the 21st century. The new line will be just ten miles long, of which three quarters will be underground. Up to 36 trains an hour will run in each direction. For the first time, Londoners will enjoy the protection of platform-edge doors, a safety feature with which travellers to Singapore will be familiar, as well as a metro route that wheelchair-bound passengers can use.

> **'The Jubilee extension will also act as a catalyst for other development'**

For this will be Britain's first quiet-running modern metro, with energy-saving track upswings to stations of modern, spacious design equipped with a total of 115 escalators, almost doubling the numbers now working on the underground. There will be 11 stations, of which seven will be completely new.



The contract has been parcelled up into stations and track sections, bids examined, and many letters of intent signed. A Balfour Beatty/Amec consortium has the £100 million contract to tunnel from Green Park to Waterloo and provide stations at Westminster and Waterloo. For another £100 million, Costain/Taylor Woodrow, will build the new station at London Bridge. Wimpey will build a £20 million station at Canada Water, and Tarmac/Bachy the £50 million Canary Wharf station. Laing will build the £20 million depot at Stratford Market, while Sir Robert McAlpine will work with Wayss & Freytag and Bachy to tunnel from Canary Wharf to Canning Town and build the underground "box" for a projected station at North Greenwich. Overseas contractors have also gained a good chunk of the work.

The order to supply the 59 six-car train sets will almost certainly go to GEC-Alsthom. Worth about £300 million, the vehicles are likely to be assembled at the Metro-Cammell works in Birmingham, which feared it would run out of orders next year.

The third main benefit of the extension will be to unlock the huge sums invested in Docklands. At the same time, it should provide a big lift to the depressed economies of south and east London. The Jubilee extension will link the East End, Docklands, "south of the river" and the West End. Bermondsey could become as hip as Battersea, with property values set to rise.

At the other extreme is the 296-acre former gasworks site in north Greenwich. Now a polluted wasteland, British Gas has prepared a £1 billion plan to clean it up and redevelop it with 5,500 homes, shops and industrial units, providing 3,500 jobs, a 40-acre park and a school. Whether this will happen is open to speculation. Unfortunately, the government has still not learned the lesson of Canary Wharf. Ministers are demanding a £25 million contribution from British Gas before they authorise completion of the North Greenwich station.

TEMPUS

Imperial standard

SIR Denys Henderson may choose to be downbeat about economic conditions a month before the Budget, but there was a whiff of spring in ICI's third quarter results. Until now, most of the group's profit recovery has been driven by the translation effect after sterling's devaluation, offset by price falls. But in the nine month figures the fall in chemical prices has shrunk to 1 per cent, suggesting a pick-up in some areas.

If prices have indeed bottomed out, it could not have come at a better time for ICI since this is the last quarter that will carry such dramatic currency benefits. Next year, ICI's comparative figures will show a truer picture of the group's underlying performance, which has been solid rather scintillating in 1993.

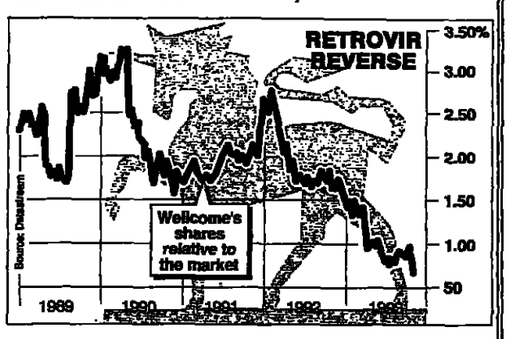
ICI has made the most of sterling's devaluation. The growth of its sales in continental Europe in a static or declining market show it has pitched for business aggressively in its materials and industrial chemicals divisions. These additional contracts further enhance the group's gearing towards even a slight improvement in volumes and prices. This gearing can been seen in the sudden recovery in the paints division's fortunes. A mild upturn in the decorative market has reversed an 18 per cent fall in trading profits at half way into a 3 per cent rise in the third quarter. Even without much help from the market, ICI looks capable of delivering £500 million next year after a further year of rationalisation, and a stronger contribution from high margins products like Klea, the CFC alternative. Even then the p/e ratio is still 18 so investors have to look to 1995 to see real value in the shares.

Wellcome

THERE was an air of hooliganism about the City's treatment of Wellcome's share price yesterday. The group has failed to deliver the exponential growth that everyone once predicted for Retrovir, so investors put the boot in. The market is a strange beast when it wipes 11 per cent off a company's share price after it delivers a 46 per cent hike in profits and its main product shows underlying sales growth of 11 per cent.

Certainly, there were warts in Wellcome's figures. An 11 per cent half-on-half fall in Retrovir sales was hardly a performance to be expected from a wonder drug. Sales may not recover quickly, if at all, unless the full Concorde study, when published, endorses early treatment of HIV. The slowdown in sales of Zovirax in the second half suggests that Wellcome's bottom line is under pressure.

But any forecast of Wellcome's future sales based on a six-month figure is as worthless as the "research" that predicted a multi-billion pound market for Retrovir on the back of a geometric progression of Aids sufferers. The new Zovirax cold sore cream should help drive sales in the current year, as well as the roll-out of Lamictal, the anti-epileptic drug. Wellcome has a long pipeline of new drugs, a strong balance sheet and an unblemished record in defending its margins. On a 15 per cent discount to the market, the shares look cheap.



Qantas

BRITISH Airways will lose little sleep over the A$377 million (£170 million) loss from Qantas that mainly reflects provisions taken on the latter's merger with Australian Airlines. The likely effect on BA's profit and loss account, where Qantas is included as a 25 per cent associate, will be minimal. After stripping out the abnormal costs, BA's share of the Antipodean carrier's profit would be A$8 million, or about £3.5 million compared with a contribution of £8.5 million last year. That contrasts with BA's group profits of £185 million last year.

More important is the long-term potential of the quarter share in Qantas that cost BA just over £300 million. The investment has been written down by about £70 million and the question remains as to whether BA needs to make further provisions against the value attributed to its shareholding.

So far, the negligible return from Qantas can scarcely justify the cost to BA, but airlines are a long-term investment. Qantas reports better load factors in the first quarter of its current year, and the Antipodean market should be benefitting from the withdrawal of competitors such as Continental Airlines from the Australia/New Zealand routes. On some cash flow measures, Qantas makes better margins than BA and the two airlines have yet to exploit any synergy benefits from the relationship. For BA, there is still something to go for, but it will be a long haul flight.

Gerrard & National

DEFENCE is not the only industry to suffer from a cessation of hostilities. Gerrard & National, the discount house, is the first financial company to show the scars of peace in its profit and loss account. Profits in the group's trading division tumbled by 69 per cent in the half year to the start of October, due to quieter markets. The core discount house fared even worse with a 90 per cent slump to just £500,000. Last year, the firm had made hay while the government battled and eventually failed to keep Britain within the ERM.

Gerrard is the first to show such damage merely because it published its figures so promptly. Its experience suggests that profits from the high street banks' treasury divisions will be far less impressive in the current half year than they were in 1992 or earlier this year, when financial markets declared open season on the ERM. They are unlikely to notice much pain since the fall in bad debts provisions should more than compensate.

Gerrard cannot wholly blame the price of peace on the markets. The trading division's performance suggests it was wrong-footed by the August gilts rally. Perhaps the governments that were mauled by the markets can take comfort that the most experienced trader sometimes misses a trick.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Dab behind the ears for Yves

YVES Saint Laurent, that doughty French couturier, is discovering to his cost that oil and perfume do not mix. On the initiative of the French Stock Exchange Commission, a Paris prosecutor is stepping up an investigation into a transaction in Switzerland in the summer of 1992, in which St Laurent and his original backer Pierre Berge, sold 3 per cent of the House of St Laurent — just weeks before the fashion and perfume house unveiled unsparkling interim results. In a separate issue, a court in Paris yesterday ruled that St Laurent should not have persisted this year in marketing a perfume called Champagne because the name is protected — despite ample warnings to this effect from the jealously possessive growers in Epernay. Given the vast quantity of champagne-smelling perfume already produced, an appeal by St Laurent seems certain. It is all a little embarrassing for Elf-Aquitaine, the oil-based French group that is soon to be privatised under the government's sell-off plans. Elf-Aquitaine acquired the House of St Laurent late last year through a deal by Elf-Sanofi, its pharmaceutical and health products arm.

Big Bangers

REMEMBER the heady days when tickets for that annual City shindig, the Big Bang Ball, were changing hands at up to £120 against a face value of £33? Well, the good times are back. Some 3,000 City slickers are due at the Café Royal, central London, tonight for the 7th Big Bang Ball; tickets for which are being traded for £50-£60 each. "We have had to turn hundreds of people away," says Oliver Baxter, the organiser. Rejected applicants are being offered £3 off tickets for the Valentine Ball in February.

Sotheby's man

LORD Camoys, chairman of Barclays de Zoete Wedd Holdings, has joined Sotheby's and will become deputy chairman of its main board on April 1. He fills a new post created by Alfred Taubman, chairman of Sotheby's Holdings Inc, who said Lord Camoys, a leading figure in the City, would advise the main board "as well as our European management." The peer has a close interest in art and heritage matters, having saved Stonor Park, Oxfordshire, a famous historic house, by buying it from his mother who had intended to sell the property on the open market in the 1970s. He also bought back many pieces of furniture, reinstating them in the property before opening it successfully to the public. Taubman also announced that Lord Gowrie, chairman of Sotheby's Europe for the past seven years, has asked to step down from January 1. He will remain on the main board and will undertake what the company described as "special assignments."



Gas reading

CEDRIC Brown, chief executive of British Gas, is looking forward to signing a contract in December to take over the Karachaganak gas field in Kazakhstan, for the next 40 years. A modernisation programme, guided by 270 engineers from Britain, will increase energy production from the field, and hopefully contribute to the prosperity and political stability in the region. But the framework of operations there is very different to that to which British Gas is accustomed in Britain. Roger Spiller, an officer of the MSF technical union who has just returned from talks with gas worker in Kazakhstan, reports: "In Russia, the unions provide full-time safety officers, paid by the state, with the power to recommend changes to the oil company and institute daily fines if the company does not comply." Gently does it, Mr Brown.

Depression

SIR Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks and Spencer, joins Archie Hamilton, MP, and others tomorrow at a one-day conference to mark the 40th anniversary of the Samaritans, founded in central London all those years ago. Coffee, at 11am, will be preceded by Depression (a video, not a workshop) at 10.30. There will be more Depression at 3.30. Anyone who wants to attend should telephone Tracey Harrison, who can be reached on 071-439 1406.

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Ethical Growth	71.71	76.28	-0.18	2.39
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Balanced	690.30	737.90	-1.60	2.32
American Inc	51.63	55.19	-0.09	2.92
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-do- Inc	96.56	101.90†	-0.50	5.87
Nth America	267.30	284.30†	+1.60	...
Far East	344.60	366.60†	-1.30	0.03
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General Inc	462.90	492.50†	-2.20	2.34
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Convertibles	57.32	61.30†	-0.04	6.30
Eastern	246.10	265.50	+3.80	1.60
Equity Income	90.80	96.59†	+0.04	5.50
European Gth	271.80	288.70	-2.00	1.50
Europe	182.00	194.50	-0.90	1.50
Exempt	92.51	94.99	...	3.40
German Growth	72.49	77.18	-0.34	0.70
Global Growth	122.40	130.80	+0.40	...
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-do- Acc	237.10	253.50	-0.40	3.20
UK Growth	90.77	96.56	-0.08	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	92.35	98.76†	+0.03	1.90
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Global Bond	31.58	33.51	-0.04	5.03
High Yield Acc	61.19	65.44	-0.02	3.22
-do- Inc	43.55	46.58†	-0.02	3.22
Smlr Cos Acc	105.14	112.44	+0.20	1.03
-do- Inc	96.63	103.35	+0.18	1.03
Amer Gth Acc	67.81	72.53	+0.46	...
-do- Inc	66.55	71.17	+0.45	...
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-do- Inc	119.43	127.73†	-1.28	0.17
Mngd P folio	40.76	43.59†	-0.04	1.18
Pacific Growth	122.03	130.52†	+0.40	...
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Income	133.70	143.10†	-1.20	3.84
Mngd P folio Inc	101.20	107.80	-0.50	1.84
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Far East	55.56	59.42	-0.25	...
North American	98.04	105.40	+1.80	...
Global	97.43	104.20	+0.30	0.39
European	82.40	88.09	-0.47	0.89
Japan	115.20	123.20†	-1.80	...
Intl Currency Bd	61.42	65.09†	-0.21	5.85
UK Cap Gwth	87.86	93.97†	-0.18	1.98

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	143.40	152.60†	+0.10	0.06
-do- Acc	152.40	162.20	+1.00	0.06
European	74.84	79.20	-0.49	0.78
-do- Acc	78.07	82.63	-0.50	0.78
Far East Gen	67.68	72.00	-1.32	...
-do- Acc	67.68	72.00	-1.32	...
Smaller Cos	75.19	79.90	+0.18	1.63
-do- Acc	84.79	90.21	-0.20	1.63
Growth	412.80	441.20	-0.50	2.22
-do- Acc	715.20	765.00	-0.90	2.22
Income Growth	411.50	437.80	-4.10	3.54
-do- Acc	559.10	594.80	-5.50	3.54
Master Portfolio	1047.4	1084.1†	-1.00	2.06
-do- Acc	1227.2	1274.2	...	2.06
Special Sits	94.20	100.22	-0.99	2.19
-do- Acc	111.38	118.47	-1.17	2.19
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1343.0	1385.0	-4.00	3.97
-do- Acc	1584.0	1634.0	-5.00	3.97

For Capel (James) Trusts see HSBC

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	91.81	97.89	+0.48	0.98
European P folio	87.50	93.44†	-0.01	0.83
Japanese P folio	68.28	72.66	-0.81	...
Pacific P folio	132.28	142.24	+1.47	0.85
Cazenove P folio	80.41	85.99	+0.12	2.37
UK Income Gth	72.27	77.45†	+0.04	4.17
Utility & Bond	58.54	58.97	-0.14	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	646.95	653.15	...	4.56
Fixed Int	164.20	164.40	...	8.82
Deposit	5.60	...	...	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	639.88	644.49	...	4.64
-do- Acc	2542.4	2570.7	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	133.50	133.83	...	8.67
-do- Acc	184.80	185.27	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	67.50	71.05†	...	1.81
Beckman Intl	91.92	97.13	-1.27	1.72
Friars Hse Inc	197.37	207.76	...	4.91
Friars Hse Cap	272.42	288.28	...	2.31

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Income	158.51	168.63†	-0.43	5.16
Equity Income Acc	527.88	561.57	-1.44	5.16
Fixed & Convert	44.63	47.48†	-0.14	5.58
Fixed & Conv Acc	120.50	128.19	-0.36	5.58
Monthly Income	52.27	55.61†	-0.02	8.06
Preference	49.70	52.87†	+0.02	7.33
Preference Acc	263.36	280.17	+0.11	7.33
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	129.35	137.61†	-0.20	5.37
High Yield Acc	506.90	539.26	-0.79	5.37
Managed Fund	66.91	71.18†	-0.36	2.75
Managed Fd Acc	82.63	87.90	-0.45	2.75
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	41.27	43.90	+0.08	1.87
Smaller Cos Acc	46.83	49.82	+0.09	1.87
UK & General	74.60	79.36†	-0.27	2.88
UK & General Acc	91.22	97.04	-0.32	2.88
UK Growth	129.59	137.86	-0.46	1.65
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	172.62	183.64	-1.53	...
Far East Growth	128.81	137.03	+0.59	0.31
Global Bond	88.13	93.64†	-0.19	5.83
Gold & Comm	63.19	67.22	-0.46	...
Japan Growth	121.56	129.32	-1.23	...
North America	159.65	169.84	+0.46	...
Oriental Growth	75.22	80.02	+1.16	...
W'wide Growth	62.65	66.65†	-0.23	0.35
-do- Acc	65.36	69.53	-0.25	0.35
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.71	91.71†	+0.01	5.18
Deposit Fund Acc	93.71	93.71	+0.01	5.18
Quilter Fund	133.06	141.55	-0.85	2.10
Quilter Fund Acc	149.29	158.82	-0.95	2.10

CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1AA. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 0277 690370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	67.54	71.86	-0.15	1.78
-do- Acc	76.64	81.54	-0.17	1.78
Income Fund 5	230.60	245.40	-0.40	3.65
-do- Acc	546.30	581.20	-0.70	3.65
Inv Portfolio	73.96	78.69	-0.29	1.92
-do- Acc	84.28	89.66	-0.33	1.92
Smaller Cos	138.80	147.70	-0.10	1.19
-do- Acc	167.90	178.70	+0.20	1.19
High Inc P folio	66.61	70.86	-0.19	3.94

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	112.30	119.50†	+1.40	.66
Japanese Acc	64.90	69.04†	-0.71	...
UK Balncd Inc	136.00	144.70	-0.40	2.38
-do- Acc	160.50	170.70	-0.40	2.38
UK Growth Acc	220.40	234.50	-0.80	1.91
UK High Inc	150.40	160.00	-0.30	5.53
-do- Acc	182.10	193.70	-0.30	5.53
N America Acc	122.10	129.90	+1.10	.21
European Acc	181.00	192.60	-1.20	.51
UK Pref F/I Inc	63.31	67.12	-0.38	6.56
-do- Acc	104.30	110.50	-0.60	6.56
Intl Sp Sits Acc	53.74	57.17†	+0.06	.21
Environmntl Opp	78.15	83.14	-0.28	1.48

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	121.60	129.20	+0.40	0.39
UK Smlr Cos	221.60	235.40	-1.10	1.06
Eurofund	42.86	45.38	-0.21	0.88
Mngd Exempt	184.30	192.10	+2.60	2.73
Growth Inc	231.80	246.30	-0.80	3.05
High Dist	161.30	171.40	-0.10	4.38
International Inc	361.10	383.70	+0.20	0.85
-do- Acc	361.10	383.70	+0.20	0.85
Intl Income	92.92	99.19	+0.20	2.62
Pacific	75.17	79.87†	+0.76	0.38
Smllr Jap Cos	76.85	81.65	+0.55	...
Tokyo	215.00	228.40†	-1.70	...
Japan Exempt	123.00	126.40	-2.00	0.40
Sm Jap Exempt	611.70	628.50	-7.20	0.08
Equity Income	133.80	142.20†	-0.30	3.52
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	159.00	168.40	-1.50	0.45
Financial	48.02	51.02†	+0.02	2.35
Japan General	168.70	179.20	-1.90	...
Preference	24.44	25.97†	-0.03	7.01

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	192.00	204.30†	-2.20	0.95

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	114.31	120.33†	-0.03	3.18
High Income	135.36	142.48	+0.19	4.37
Tst of Inv Tsts	173.33	182.45	-0.04	2.09
Special Sits	88.46	93.12	+0.02	2.01
North American	115.01	121.06	+0.68	0.97
Far Eastern	296.17	311.76	+1.89	1.27
Intl Growth	108.95	114.68	+0.06	1.22
European	73.34	77.20	-0.30	1.81
Smaller Cos	74.10	78.00	+0.07	1.90

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	235.30	250.30†	...	3.81

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.20
European Tst	153.40	163.20†	-1.10	...
High Income	28.01	29.47†	-0.09	5.01

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	105.60	112.70	-0.60	0.47
Far Eastern	157.70	169.10†	-1.40	...
High Income	23.66	25.19†	-0.13	10.00
Oseas Income	100.30	107.30	+0.40	2.92
UK Growth	105.30	112.60	-0.50	1.12
UK Income	110.20	117.80	-0.30	5.09
US Smaller Cos	298.60	319.40†	+1.60	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth	55.40	58.96	+0.59	...
-do- Acc	55.40	58.96	+0.59	...
Am Smllr Co	482.20	515.60	+4.90	...
-do- Acc	492.70	526.80	+5.00	...
Capital	304.00	323.30†	-0.30	1.61
-do- Acc	427.90	455.10†	-0.40	1.61
Contl Smllr Cos	52.75	56.54	-0.04	0.84
-do- Acc	55.15	59.11	-0.03	0.84
Convertible	130.10	138.30	-0.10	4.99
-do- Acc	246.80	262.50	-0.20	4.99
Emg Mark	67.58	72.20	+0.83	...
-do- Acc	67.58	72.20	+0.83	...
European	111.20	118.60	-0.50	0.57
-do- Acc	115.90	123.70	-0.40	0.57
Extra Income	325.80	346.50	-0.30	3.51
-do- Acc	466.50	496.20	-0.50	3.51
Financial	125.10	133.90	+0.60	0.43
-do- Acc	130.90	140.20	+0.60	0.43
Gilt Gth Tst	67.40	69.50†	-0.47	5.83
-do- Acc	89.30	92.08†	-0.62	5.83
Health Fund Inc	134.00	143.10	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	134.00	143.10	+1.10	...
Income Tst	196.30	208.80	...	3.49
-do- Acc	278.20	295.90	...	3.49
Intl Growth	358.60	382.90	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	398.20	425.20	+1.40	...
Japan Gen	187.90	200.60	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	189.70	202.60	-0.40	...
Mngd P folio Inc	101.10	106.40†	...	0.72
-do- Acc	100.40	111.90†	...	0.72
Monthly Income	166.20	176.70	-0.10	3.60
Qrtly Inc	54.57	58.04	-0.11	5.25
-do- Acc	55.34	58.86	-0.11	5.25
Recovery	326.20	348.80	+0.40	0.26
-do- Acc	381.20	409.70	+0.40	0.26
UK Growth	50.68	54.15	-0.26	2.54
-do- Acc	50.68	54.15	-0.26	2.54

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	382.18	406.57	-1.40	2.60
-do- Acc	780.40	830.21	-2.87	2.60
Euro Gth Dist	124.02	131.94	-1.03	0.67
-do- Acc	128.81	137.03	-1.06	0.67
Fixed Int Dist	140.56	148.68†	-0.90	5.69
-do- Acc	240.54	254.43†	-1.54	5.69
Intl Gth Dist	86.96	92.51	-0.33	0.55
-do- Acc	90.28	96.04	-0.33	0.55
Nth Amer Dist	183.15	194.01	+0.33	0.54
-do- Acc	199.61	211.45	+0.36	0.54
Pac Basin Dist	288.34	306.75	-0.03	0.01
-do- Acc	293.85	312.61	-0.03	0.01
Stewardship Dist	329.18	350.19	-0.25	1.83
-do- Acc	392.51	417.56	-0.30	1.83
Stwd Inc Dist	70.88	75.40	-0.24	3.14
-do- Acc	88.28	93.92	-0.30	3.14
N Am Stwd Dist	102.81	109.37	+0.64	...
-do- Acc	108.77	115.71	+0.69	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	151.80	162.40	+0.50	...
European	479.50	510.50	-2.30	1.42
Far East General	260.20	278.30	-0.10	0.26
Germany	119.10	126.70†	-0.30	...
Global Assets In	80.01	84.94	+0.12	0.88
Global Assets Ac	84.61	89.82	+0.13	0.88
Income Inc	143.40	153.40	-0.50	5.14
International	321.00	342.80	+0.40	0.69
Intl Income	86.99	92.33	-0.26	3.83
Japan General	407.80	434.30	+1.00	...
Smllr Cos Div	50.85	54.39	-0.15	5.34
UK Capital Inc	178.10	190.50	-0.20	1.84
-do- Acc	307.20	328.60	-0.40	1.84
Uk Spec Sits	86.13	92.12†	-0.02	0.41
US General	128.60	136.60	+0.60	...
W wide Spec Sits	145.60	155.20	-0.10	0.10

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	48.34	51.71	-0.15	2.05
Cash Trust*	130.90	130.90†	-0.02	5.13
Pract Inv Inc	113.04	121.08†	-0.02	3.64
-do- Acc	249.09	266.80†	-0.05	3.64
UK Smaller Cos	108.11	115.94†	+0.59	1.70
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.42	29.33†	-0.06	7.98
High Inc	35.19	37.64	+0.01	4.68
UK Equity Inc	142.47	152.37	-0.34	3.50
Global Bond	31.01	32.13†	-0.05	4.33
International Funds				
Gold Intl	100.87	108.17	+0.67	0.62
Frontier Markets	52.48	56.28	+0.16	0.04
Global Equities	131.96	140.61†	-0.10	3.48
UK Intl	131.90	141.07	-0.23	0.84
Overseas Funds				
American	138.70	148.23	+0.27	0.46
European	93.86	99.52	-0.48	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	116.96	124.43	-0.61	0.99
American Emerg	98.25	105.36	-0.05	...
Hong Kong	150.59	161.49	+1.99	1.72
Japan	234.50	249.91	-3.14	...
Pacific Growth	205.65	220.54	+2.24	0.05

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 955 0526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	144.25	154.28	-0.38	0.24
American Gth	149.55	159.95	+1.74	...
European Gth	75.09	80.34	-0.83	0.52
Japan Gth	82.19	87.90	-0.72	...
Greater China	171.85	183.80	+1.05	0.95
Pacific Strategy	156.21	167.07	+0.80	0.15
UK Prog Inc	85.96	90.39†	-0.55	4.02
British Growth	54.23	57.18	...	2.14
UK Small Cos	47.07	50.34	...	1.10

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	133.00	133.00†	...	4.98
Gilt Fixed	132.20	140.30	-1.10	4.59
Growth Equity	315.00	336.50	-0.60	1.98
Guardhill	482.60	494.20	-0.80	2.08
Income Trust	123.90	132.30	-0.30	3.15
International	177.20	189.30†	-0.10	0.05
Japan Trust	129.30	138.10	-1.00	...
Nth American	275.60	294.40†	+1.00	0.25
Pacific	518.80	554.20†	+7.30	...
European	416.80	445.20	-3.60	0.32

HSBC UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
The Footsie Fd	117.70	124.30	-0.30	2.48

Dealing 071 955 5055
James Capel Unit Trusts
Dealing 071 955 5053
Enquiries 0800 181890

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Index Funds				
American Index	203.90	216.50	+0.90	1.18
Eurotrack 100	150.00	159.70	-1.10	1.29
Japan Index	82.63	88.19	-1.20	0.12
Tiger Index	187.50	200.10†	-2.10	0.49
Trade Index	113.60	121.20	-0.10	2.08
UK Index	135.20	144.30	-0.40	2.76
Active Funds				
American Growth	469.00	499.40	-3.90	0.16
Capital	578.10	617.00†	-4.40	2.17
Euro Gth	96.42	102.80	-0.60	0.82
Far East Growth	106.20	113.30	-0.50	...
Global Bond	24.82	26.17	-0.09	5.42
Hong Kong	108.00	115.30	+1.60	0.52
Income	557.40	594.90†	-1	3.75
Intl Growth	79.03	84.34	-0.06	0.16
Japan Growth	281.30	300.20†	-3.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.46	38.91	+0.04	...
S pore Mly Gth	74.83	79.86	+0.15	...

Midland Unit Trusts
Dealing 0742 520200
Enquiries 0742 529076

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	59.98	64.15†	-0.18	2.60
-do- Acc	61.64	65.92†	-0.19	2.60
British Dist	82.93	88.70	-0.51	1.90
-do- Acc	93.88	100.40	-0.50	1.90
European Gth	196.80	210.50	-1.10	0.53
-do- Acc	247.10	264.20	-1.30	0.53
Extra High Inc	74.26	79.42†	-0.23	5.67
-do- Acc	134.40	143.70†	-0.40	5.67
FT-SE 100 Index	52.53	56.18	-0.17	2.40
-do- Acc	53.32	57.02	-0.17	2.40
Gilt Fixed Int	58.82	61.23	-0.37	6.30
-do- Acc	159.10	165.60	-1	6.30
High Yield	240.40	257.10	-0.60	4.51
-do- Acc	564.40	603.60	-1.40	4.51
Income	300.30	321.20	-0.60	2.67
-do- Acc	634.90	679.00	-1.30	2.67
Japan Gth	351.40	375.80	-6.70	...
-do- Acc	370.90	396.60	-7	...
Mandarin	121.20	129.60	+0.80	0.56
-do- Acc	126.70	135.50	+0.90	0.56
Money Market UT	49.63	49.63	...	4.61
-do- Acc	73.87	73.87	...	4.61
North American	175.40	187.60	+0.40	0.52
-do- Acc	221.30	236.60	+0.60	0.52

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 680, Edinburgh EH5 1EW
0800 838868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	38.56	40.88	-0.20	1.40
-do- Acc	40.63	43.07	-0.20	1.40
Inc Adv Inc	32.50	34.45†	-0.10	3.45
-do- Acc	34.41	36.48	-0.10	3.45

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	82.39	87.18†	-0.23	0.64
Equity Income	125.70	133.70	-0.60	3.17
European	148.90	157.60	-1.40	1.02
Intl Situation	83.41	88.73	-0.74	...
Japanese	142.40	151.10	-1.80	...
North American	96.89	102.80	-0.10	...
Scandinavian	137.30	146.10	-2.50	...
Smaller Cos	32.79	34.88	+0.05	1.83

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	280.72	300.37	-0.74	1.40
-do- Acc	435.22	465.68	-1.17	1.40
Best of British	61.12	65.34	-0.27	2.10
UK Smlr Cos	117.52	126.36	+0.02	1.50
High Income Funds				
Income Gth	262.64	279.71	-0.84	3.13
-do- Acc	679.37	723.52	-2.16	3.13
High Inc	316.85	338.71†	-0.92	3.73
Extra Income	286.10	304.58†	-0.70	4.26
Pref Gilt	48.44	52.07†	-0.04	7.87
International				
International	255.75	272.77†	-0.38	0.39
Global Bond	59.47	63.26†	-0.10	6.40
Family of Funds	78.85	84.10	-0.20	0.53
Global Tech	144.06	154.07	+0.96	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	166.90	178.48	+0.98	0.24
European	435.73	461.44†	-2.39	0.35
European Inc	80.17	84.83	-0.30	2.37
Euro Smll Co	134.47	143.12†	+0.02	0.62
Euro Spec Sits	55.37	58.97†	-0.29	0.56
-do- Acc	59.13	62.97	-0.31	0.55
Japan	218.60	232.94	-2.15	...
Japan Spc Sit	251.13	267.74	-3.20	...
Pacific Smllr Cos	239.44	254.72†	+1.15	...
N Amer	235.36	250.51	+1.31	...
Amer Smaller	104.69	111.91†	+0.91	...

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	95.66	102.30	-0.20	2.05
Capital	167.10	178.70	-0.50	1.74
Dollar	336.40	359.70	+3.00	0.01
European	223.40	238.90	+0.60	0.59
Far East	297.30	317.80	-1.50	0.36
Financial	816.20	872.90†	-2.30	1.57
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.64	28.71†	-0.10	7.13
High Yield	113.60	121.40	-0.30	4.10
Income	149.60	160.00	-1.00	3.10
Intl	234.80	251.10	-0.20	0.14
Japan Tech	72.24	77.26	-1.03	...
Nat Resources	65.22	69.75	+0.29	0.62
Security	319.80	341.80	-1.10	1.81
Smaller Cos	120.40	128.70†	-0.30	1.30
Special Sits	146.90	157.10†	-0.30	1.44
US Smaller Cos	78.75	84.22	+1.55	...

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	28.00	29.93	+0.05	1.17
Special Features	30.57	32.48†	-0.09	1.88
-do- Acc	36.44	38.71†	-0.11	1.88
General Funds				
UK Growth	58.95	63.03	-0.24	1.84
Assets Earnings	76.51	81.29	-0.33	1.96
do Acc	91.30	97.00	-0.41	1.96
Managed Invest	96.87	103.30	-0.20	1.09
Rupert Children	81.56	86.99	-0.25	1.87
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.41	50.41	+0.01	4.24
Extra Inc	87.84	93.81	-0.35	4.53
Gilt	29.61	31.19	-0.25	6.09
Income Gth	41.97	44.79†	-0.12	3.32
MIMstar	79.28	81.05†	-0.43	7.34
Preference	19.03	20.21	+0.01	6.13
UK Income	339.90	363.10†	-1.20	3.08
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	67.72	71.95	+0.03	1.03
Property Shares	77.97	83.88†	-0.39	1.15
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	159.90	167.60	-0.50	3.74
European Acc	131.10	138.80†	-0.80	1.16
European Dist	123.40	130.70†	-0.80	1.16
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	50.73	53.92†	-0.09	0.79
European Perf	133.80	141.80	-0.50	0.14
-do- Acc	138.30	146.50	-0.60	0.14
Euro Small Cos	24.83	26.36†	-0.13	...
French Growth	74.40	79.05	-0.72	0.14
-do- Acc	79.49	84.45	-0.76	0.14
Hong K/China	90.19	95.82	+1.12	1.09
Intl Growth	55.98	59.47†	-0.28	0.31
-do- Acc	56.23	59.74†	-0.28	0.31
Japan Perf	34.01	36.10	-0.42	...
Accum Units	34.01	36.10	-0.42	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.97	42.46†	+0.14	...
Singapore Asean	109.60	116.40	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	110.40	117.20	-0.30	...
South East Asia	302.60	321.50	+2.43	0.22
US Smllr Cos	117.50	124.80	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	118.80	126.20	+1.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	93.31	99.46	-0.08	1.83
Intl Bond	60.02	60.80	-0.16	5.53

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	57.06	60.70†	-0.18	6.38
Gilt Yield	124.60	131.50†	-0.60	6.85
Global Income	224.60	238.90	-1.36	3.66
High Yield	147.40	156.80†	-0.20	5.47
Smllr Cos Div	55.20	58.72	-0.01	3.34
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	97.95	104.20	+0.60	...
North American	79.34	84.40	+0.25	0.40
European	146.60	156.00	-0.70	1.43
Euro Special	86.09	91.59	-0.35	1.36
General	281.50	299.50	-1.60	2.98
Japan	439.00	467.00	-2.30	...
Japanese Special	252.10	268.20	+1.60	...
Master Acc	240.50	255.90†	...	0.84
Pacific	328.70	349.70†	+2.40	0.42
Smaller Cos	110.60	117.70	+3.76	1.43
UK Equity Gth	40.43	43.01	-0.01	1.63

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	84.46	89.85	-0.29	0.86
Extra Income	26.00	27.66†	-0.11	3.45
Far East	31.18	33.17†	-0.01	0.26
Income Gwth	77.55	82.50	-0.35	2.78
Intl Growth	57.01	60.65†	-0.17	0.55
Japan	67.74	72.06	-0.81	...
Maximum Dist*	99.90	101.90†	...	6.51
N Amer Equity	40.15	42.71	+0.08	0.34
UK Equity	92.42	98.32†	-0.34	2.58

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	56.48	60.08	-0.09	4.16
Smaller Cos	49.49	52.37	+0.05	0.95

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	461.60	491.10	-1.60	2.46
Equity Acc	889.80	946.60	-3.10	2.46
Equity Income	101.80	108.30	-0.30	3.49
European	109.30	116.30	-0.40	0.96
Far Eastern	223.40	237.70†	-3.00	...
Fixed Interest	56.35	59.85†	-0.16	6.43
Gilt	95.95	101.70†	-0.80	6.10
Global Growth	76.72	81.62	-0.44	0.02
Intl Bond	58.72	62.40	-0.05	4.21
Japanese	73.84	78.55	-0.23	...
Overseas Equity	111.60	118.70	-0.40	...
Pacific Gth	115.50	122.90†	-2.00	0.24

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	344.60	366.60	...	2.53
-do- Acc	756.70	805.10	...	2.53
Contl Euro Gth	59.17	62.29	...	0.94
-do- Acc	62.57	65.87	...	0.94
Extra Inc	264.00	280.90	...	3.52
-do- Acc	653.00	694.70	...	3.52
German Gth	122.80	129.30	...	0.01
-do- Acc	128.80	135.60	...	0.01
Growth Port	529.80	563.70†	...	0.34
-do- Acc	534.30	568.50	...	0.34
Income	483.80	514.70†	...	3.57
-do- Acc	1264.0	1345.0	...	3.57
Income Port	518.30	551.40†	...	4.20
-do- Acc	531.70	565.70	...	4.20
Japan Growth	104.70	111.40	...	0.01
-do- Acc	105.10	111.90	...	0.01
Master Trust	57.33	60.99	...	1.25
-do- Acc	63.12	67.15	...	1.25
N American Gen	198.60	211.30	...	0.01
-do- Acc	229.40	244.10	...	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	151.40	161.10	...	0.01
-do- Acc	154.50	164.40	...	0.01
Pacific Basin	271.00	288.40	...	0.52
-do- Acc	286.50	304.80	...	0.52
Small Cos Rec	328.30	346.70†	...	2.45
-do- Acc	432.50	455.30	...	2.45
UK Growth	83.67	89.02	...	2.19
-do- Acc	98.58	104.90	...	2.19
Worldwide Gth	316.50	336.80	...	0.15
-do- Acc	466.70	496.50	...	0.15

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282675

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	85.27	91.49	-0.10	2.60
Income	67.09	71.99†	-0.04	4.80
International	62.25	66.79	-0.23	0.70
American	63.19	67.80	-0.10	0.30
Japan	55.17	59.19	-0.70	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	66.17	71.00†	-0.25	1.60

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	406.90	430.30	-0.40	0.74
-do- Acc	502.70	531.70	-0.50	0.74
American Rec	456.70	483.00	+1.00	0.24
-do- Acc	523.30	553.40	+1.20	0.24
Am Sm Co Acc	137.70	145.60	+0.60	...
Australia Acc	186.90	197.70	+0.80	1.09
Capital	746.70	789.60	-0.10	2.16
-do- Acc	834.00	881.90	-0.10	2.16
Commodity Acc	467.60	494.60	-0.90	0.61
Compnd Gth	903.20	955.20	-0.80	2.51
Dividend	39.70	42.00	-0.10	3.90
-do- Acc	157.30	166.60	-0.30	3.90
Equity Inc	330.60	349.60	-0.60	4.20
European Div	67.10	71.00	-0.40	3.69
-do- Acc	77.70	82.20	-0.50	3.69
European Gen	453.80	479.90	-1.20	0.70
-do- Acc	570.00	602.80	-1.50	0.70
Extra Yield	418.40	442.50†	-0.90	3.98
-do- Acc	1250.2	1322.3	-2.50	3.98
Far Eastern	367.90	389.10	-1.00	0.27
-do- Acc	485.30	513.30	-1.30	0.27
Fund of Inv	595.60	629.80	-1.40	1.90
-do- Acc	1086.5	1148.9	-2.50	1.90
General	59.80	63.20	...	3.23
-do- Acc	159.80	169.10	...	3.23
Gilt Fxd Int	66.97	67.07	-0.49	7.16
do Acc	170.74	170.99	-1.24	7.16
Gold	62.50	66.10	-0.40	0.59
-do- Acc	73.40	77.70	+0.50	0.59
High Inc	28.30	29.90	...	4.00
-do- Acc	107.10	113.30	-0.20	4.00
Intl Growth	76.40	80.80	-0.20	0.66
-do- Acc	132.20	139.90	-0.40	0.66
Intl Inc	102.00	107.90†	-0.20	4.16
Japan Gen Acc	51.90	54.90	-0.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	159.10	168.20	-0.10	...
Midland	59.80	63.20†	-0.10	2.89
-do- Acc	194.80	206.00	-0.30	2.89
Recovery	39.70	42.00	...	3.38
-do- Acc	[illegible]	66.80	-0.10	2.38
Second Gen	77.50	[illegible]	-0.10	2.96
-do- Acc	174.50	184.90	-0.30	2.96
Smaller Cos	66.30	[illegible]	...	2.79
-do- Acc	127.30	134.60	-0.10	2.79
Trustee	42.50	44.90†	-0.22	3.40
Charibond 3‡	119.89	...	-0.60	6.99
Charifund 2	[illegible]	723.40	-0.70	5.05
Pension ex 2	[illegible]	956.40	...	3.87
NAACIF Inc 3‡	[illegible]	...	-0.30	6.76
-do- Acc 3‡	[illegible]	...	-5.80	6.76

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	149.40	159.50	-0.25	1.91
-do- Acc	167.40	179.20	-0.25	1.91
UK Income	125.00	[illegible]	-0.37	2.30
-do- Acc	141.30	151.16	-0.37	2.30

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES.
031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.80	0.16
Far East	156.40	166.00	-0.50	0.15
Income Growth	78.39	[illegible]	-0.98	3.01
European	79.59	84.49	-0.61	0.66
Nth American	61.63	65.42	+0.12	0.40
UK Growth	84.91	90.14	-0.19	1.74
Intl Growth	106.50	113.10†	-0.60	0.16
Charities	118.70	126.00	-0.22	3.95
Intl Income	74.94	79.55†	-0.04	4.43
Japan	56.96	60.47	-0.33	...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS.
071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	199.90	212.50	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	213.50	227.10	-0.30	...
Cash	100.25	100.25†	...	5.44
-do- Acc	137.60	137.60†	...	5.44
Emg Mkts Acc	110.10	118.40	-1.10	...
European Gth	225.40	239.90	-1.30	0.67
-do- Acc	242.60	257.20	-1.50	0.67
General	498.90	532.20†	-1.20	2.27
-do- Acc	954.70	1015†	-2.00	2.27
Global Dist	132.20	140.00†	-0.30	5.69
-do- Acc	153.10	160.90†	-3.40	5.69
Income	152.70	162.60	-0.60	4.19
-do- Acc	226.50	241.50	-0.90	4.19
International	436.30	464.90	-0.30	0.60
-do- Acc	560.50	[illegible]	-0.50	0.60
Japan Acc	197.00	209.30	-1.50	...
New Europe	161.30	172.00	-0.50	1.51
-do- Acc	164.30	174.90	-0.40	1.51
Recovery	314.30	335.20	-0.50	2.68
-do- Acc	395.30	424.90	-0.60	2.68
European Inc	61.15	65.30	-0.41	2.77
-do- Acc	107.70	114.30	-0.50	2.77
Brit Blue Chip	77.13	82.39†	-0.20	3.07
-do- Acc	92.75	[illegible]	-0.24	3.07
Portfolio	79.41	84.99†	-0.28	2.67
-do- Acc	91.71	97.56†	-0.32	2.67
Gold General	155.40	170.50	-2.30	0.55
-do- Acc	162.00	174.22	-2.30	0.55
Pacific	122.50	131.20	-2.70	0.64
-do- Acc	130.60	139.30	-2.60	0.64
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	61.09†	-0.01	1.79
-do- Acc	64.51	68.60†	-0.01	1.79

For Midland Trusts see HSBC

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enq: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	302.10	321.60	+2.70	..
Deposit Inc	100.25	100.25†	-0.01	5.97
Deposit Acc	124.30	124.30†	-0.01	5.97
Euro Gth Acc	344.20	367.00	-3.30	...
Europa	145.60	156.10	-1.60	...
Intl Gth	185.50	198.50	-1.10	...
Japan Tracker	[illegible]	84.44	-1.43	...
UK Equity Inc	166.10	180.50†	-0.20	3.65
-do- Acc	209.30	225.10†	-0.30	3.65
UK Ind Tracker	155.50	166.30	-0.50	2.59
US Eq Ind Trk	199.90	212.30†	-0.50	1.35
-do- Acc	[illegible]	227.40†	+0.50	1.35
Asian Tracker	210.30	227.80†	+2.00	0.37

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	[illegible]	175.00	-0.20	1.56
European	69.98	72.27	-0.55	1.34
Olympiad	63.36	67.21	-0.29	2.19
Global Bond	49.36	50.26	-0.20	6.10
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	77.00	-0.11	1.10
Equity Income	99.16	101.52†	-0.20	4.47
UK Growth	89.25	92.15	-0.10	1.73

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 [illegible]
Dealing: 0705 [illegible]

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	49.49	52.79	+0.11	1.15
Australian Acc	362.00	387.50	+3.20	...
Conscience	67.97	72.57	+0.12	1.25
-do- Acc	73.36	79.29	+0.13	1.25
European	190.90	203	-0.40	0.79
-do- Acc	[illegible]	219.40	-0.40	0.79
Extra Income	77.25	82.25†	-0.08	5.40
-do- Acc	119.90	127.90	+0.10	5.40
Far East Gth	206.10	220.30†	+2	...
Gilt Fxd Inc	91.34	94.52	-0.42	5.91
Gold	52.14	56.36	-0.03	...
-do- Acc	56.15	60.37	-0.04	...
Income	57.11	60.91	-0.12	4.64
-do- Acc	174.50	186.40	-0.30	4.64
International	32.62	34.98	-0.05	0.60
-do- Acc	48.55	52.15	-0.06	0.60
Jap Sm Cos Acc	354.60	378.20	+0.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	262.00	280.30	+0.90	...
Smllr Cos Acc	27.75	29.61	+0.03	0.71
Special Sits	34.60	37.20†	-0.04	1.98
-do- Acc	40.22	43.24	-0.05	1.88
Tokyo	85.77	91.42	-1.24	...
-do- Acc	86.57	92.34	-1.26	...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5522

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	72.79	77.43	-0.08	2.48
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	79.59	84.23	-0.25	5.88
N&P Higher Inc	219.80	232.80	-0.50	4.46
N&P UK Income	111.20	115.30	-0.50	3.47
N&P Intl	95.61	101.72†	+0.01	1.76
N&P Smaller Cos	80.15	85.27†	+3.13	1.50

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
071 332 9000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	185.31	197.14	..	1.50
Global	331.50	352.66†	...	2.96
Growth	119.21	126.82†	.	1.72
Income	224.19	238.51†	...	3.50
Intl Bond	140.25	148.91	...	7.30
Intrepid Fd	108.43	112.92	...	1.70

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470.
Dealing: 0800 626577

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	150.10	157.90	-0.60	2.40
-do- Acc	266.00	279.90	-0.90	2.40
Income	240.60	256.00†	-0.60	3.19
Intl Equity	244.30	259.80†	-1.60	0.73
-do- Acc	269.20	286.30	-1.70	0.73
Equity	237.20	252.30	-0.90	2.28
-do- Acc	486.40	517.30	-1.90	2.28
UK Intl 25 Acc	76.47	81.35	-0.34	1.79
UK Income	66.60	70.84	-0.21	2.78
UK Smllr Co Acc	85.57	85.90	+0.06	1.42
New Europe Acc	69.33	73.75	-0.64	0.94

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	122.96	131.51	+1.47	0.01
PEP Growth	113.35	121.24	-0.39	1.07
Intl Gth	553.95	592.46	-0.18	0.25
Income	336.11	359.48†	-0.30	2.64
W wide Recov	353.38	377.95	-0.95	0.21
American Gth	229.14	245.07	+0.78	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	225.26	240.92	-1.11	0.01
Far East Gth	261.47	280.19	-0.15	0.08
European Gth	134.42	143.77	-0.20	0.55
UK Growth	85.13	91.05	-0.03	2.48
High Income	93.54	100.05	+0.14	4.08
Japanese Gth	221.25	236.12	-3.06	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD.
Dealing: 0800 262443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	198.40	211.10†	+0.10	0.52
High Income	114.80	122.10†	-0.30	3.50
Conv Gilt	119.10	126.70	-0.10	5.58
Far East	364.70	388.00†	+3.00	0.32
Global Inc Acc	35.26	37.51	-0.03	4.26

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX
0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	53.83	57.27	+0.09	0.05
Emerging Mkts	86.07	91.56	+0.85	0.55
General	51.54	54.83	-0.21	2.73
International	90.74	96.53	-0.42	0.70
Gilt Units	27.75	28.61	-0.15	7.11
Global PEP	38.33	40.78†	-0.09	1.78
Income Gth	73.00	77.66	-0.19	3.97
European	47.76	50.81	-0.34	1.26
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.59	29.35†	-0.13	5.15

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377.
Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	35.00	37.43	-0.04	1.36
Pru Csh Fivn Inc	101.65	102.15	-0.01	4.64
-do- Acc	106.86	107.38	+0.01	4.64
Pru Equity	711.02	760.44†	-2.38	2.57
Pru Equity Inc	87.13	93.18	-0.11	4.20
Pru European	198.62	212.42	-1.09	0.79
Pru Global Gth	87.06	93.11	-0.21	1.37
Pru High Inc	92.69	99.13†	-0.36	3.82
Pru Intl	177.18	189.49	-0.47	1.09
Pru Intl Sm Co	78.10	83.52†	+1.10	0.53
Pru Japanese	202.74	216.83	-3.27	...
Pru Nth Amer	161.60	172.83	+1.37	0.62
Pru Pacific Mkt	100.83	107.83	-2.28	0.87
Pru Prefer Inc	51.52	53.64†	-0.28	5.61
Pru Smllr Cos	86.91	92.95†	+0.04	2.12
Pru Spec Sits	106.13	113.50	-0.42	2.22
Pru UK Grwth	117.82	126.01	-0.40	2.09

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA Amer Smlr Cos	47.50	50.00	...	..
FA Asia	50.72	54.24	-0.55	..
FA Jap Smlr Cos	47.50	50.00	...	..
FA Income	171.79	183.44	-0.70	3.16
FA Japan	282.13	300.36	-2.07	..
FA Maj UK Cos	99.87	106.63	-0.40	1.99
FA America Inc	527.64	562.90	+3.47	0.65
-do- Acc	614.66	655.95	+4.06	0.65
FA Smlr UK Cos	285.45	309.32†	+0.08	1.05
FA European	285.49	302.87	-1.37	0.86

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	74.44	79.19†	-0.05	3.32
Capital Units	158.80	168.90	-0.90	1.02
Commodity	120.00	127.70	+0.50	0.62
European Gth	181.40	193.00	-1.40	0.69
Financial Sec	195.40	207.90	-0.30	1.22
High Return	227.90	242.40	-0.60	3.51
High Yield	224.50	238.80†	+0.10	3.66
Income Units	120.90	128.60	-0.40	4.28
Investment	203.70	216.70†	-0.70	0.82
Japan Gth	166.70	177.30†	-1.40	...
Japan Smaller	194.60	207.00	-0.50	...
Masterfund	52.54	55.89	-0.06	0.81
Scotbits	294.90	313.70	-0.60	0.91
Scotshares	281.50	299.80	-0.20	2.16
Scotyields	240.50	255.80	-0.60	3.69
Select Intl	142.33	151.40†	-0.30	0.55
Smaller Cos	243.70	259.30†	-0.10	3.71
Special Situation	117.70	125.20	-0.20	0.63
UK Equity	242.80	258.30	-0.60	2.74
US Growth	149.20	158.70	+0.90	0.06

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ.
Client line: 0500 526 535
Broker line: 0500 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	252.36	268.18	+1.67	0.66
-do- Acc	273.62	290.56	+1.80	0.66
Australian	150.45	160.47	+1.09	1.18
-do- Acc	177.77	189.61	+1.28	1.18
UK Enterprise	234.60	250.23	+0.03	2.13
-do- Acc	274.14	292.41	+0.03	2.13
European Gth	69.16	73.65	-0.51	0.95
-do- Acc	71.83	76.50	-0.53	0.95
Euro Smllr Cos	64.03	68.19	-0.22	0.33
-do- Acc	64.47	68.65	-0.23	0.33
Far Eastern Gth	89.14	95.08	+0.72	..
-do- Acc	90.58	96.61	+0.72	...
Fixed Interest	55.68	58.68†	-0.28	5.96
-do- Acc	70.10	73.86	-0.36	5.96
Gilt Income	109.03	114.91†	-0.72	7.02
-do- Acc	156.48	164.93†	-1.02	7.02
Global Bond	56.77	57.62	-0.09	5.21
-do- Acc	57.20	59.09	-0.10	5.21
Global Emg Mkts	49.54	52.84	+0.22	...
-do- Acc	49.54	52.84	+0.22	...
Income	348.02	371.22†	-0.70	3.74
-do- Acc	1045.9	1115.6	-2.09	3.74
Japan Enterprise	69.86	74.51†	+0.46	...
-do- Acc	69.86	74.51	+0.46	...
Japan Smllr Cos	505.33	539.01	+1.37	...
-do- Acc	506.34	540.09	+1.38	...
Pacific Gth	130.50	139.19	+2.44	0.26
-do- Acc	134.37	143.32	+2.51	0.26
Smaller Cos	209.69	223.66	+0.84	0.90
-do- Acc	242.52	258.69	+0.98	0.90
Tokyo	116.86	124.65†	+0.65	...
-do- Acc	119.04	125.91	+0.66	...
UK Equity	233.51	249.07	-0.57	2.42
-do- Acc	438.38	467.61	-1.07	2.42
US Smllr Cos	152.91	163.10	+1.16	...
-do- Acc	152.91	163.10	+1.16	...
World Fd	78.36	83.58	-0.13	1.68
-do- Acc	83.30	88.84	-0.15	1.68

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2280

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	50.06	53.31	-0.12	3.25
Equity Strategy	67.17	71.54	-0.44	0.69
European Opps	81.51	86.81	-0.63	0.55
Maximum Inc	98.78	101.33	+0.01	5.45
UK Smaller Cos	60.71	64.66	-0.05	1.29

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh.
031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	372.60	397.70	-0.90	2.56
American	266.30	282.80	+1.00	0.69
Pacific	389.40	416.50	+1.00	0.53
European	512.60	548.20	-3.00	0.95
Worldwide	91.93	98.32	+0.09	0.79

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	325.80	346.60	-0.60	2.31
UK Sm Cos Eq	225.30	239.70	-0.10	1.51
European	372.80	396.60	-2.00	1.33
North American	276.50	294.20	+1.40	0.39
Income Plus Inc	71.71	76.29†	-0.14	2.66

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	28.22	30.30	-0.16	2.66
Intl Growth Acc	33.06	35.38	-0.04	0.72
Market Ldrs Acc	27.80	29.75	-0.25	2.77

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European ‡	112.40	.. †	-0.60	..
Global Bond ‡	103.00	... †	-0.60	7.29
Japan Samurai ‡	93.87	.. †	-0.26	...
UK Growth ‡	106.60	.. †	-0.20	3.73

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	49.26	52.34	-0.20	1.35
Equity Gth Acc	66.87	71.05	-0.30	1.18
UK Eq General	45.44	48.28†	-0.10	1.98
-do- Acc	60.32	64.09	-0.20	1.98
European Acc	47.33	50.29	-0.40	0.54
Far East Acc	65.51	69.61	-0.20	0.14
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	32.86	34.76†	-0.20	6.21
N American Acc	45.57	48.42	+0.10	0.64
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	306.90	333.00	-3.00	1.45
UK Eq High Inc	39.07	41.52†	-0.20	3.23
-do- Acc	46.93	49.87	-0.30	3.23
UK Lgr Cos Inc	311.50	338.00†	-1.20	3.50
UK Lgr Cos Acc	410.50	445.40	-1.70	3.50

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Bishops Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N283.837	4.075	...	1.30
US Eq	$2.237	$2.375	...	1.12
Far East Eq	Y250.10	Y265.60	...	..
Japan Eq	Y251.70	Y267.30	...	...
FT Europe	125.00	132.70	...	1.96
FT North Am	$1.767	$1.873	...	1.27
FT Japan	Y246.40	Y261.80	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.339	$2.485	...	1.24

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	361.50	385.20	+0.80	0.33
British	1017.4	1076.4	-2.50	3.37
European	444.10	472.80†	-0.10	1.22
Japan	157.20	167.20	+0.20	...
New Pacific	367.00	390.90	+1.20	0.83
Mngd Cash	95.65	95.65†	...	5.06
Majority Stg	99.86	100.86†	+0.01	4.75
Inv Tst	215.40	228.30†	-1.30	1.55
Saints PPP	380.20	400.20	..	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	801.70	857.40	-2.50	2.71
N America Acc	128.40	137.30	+0.20	0.19
Far East Acc	148.90	159.30	..	0.22
W wide Bond	63.49	67.40†	-0.13	5.22
European	95.93	102.60†	-0.50	3.06
Equity Income	93.50	100.00	-0.40	3.78

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	35.35	37.81	+0.06	0.51
Managed Assets	128.86	137.82	-0.69	2.94
UK Income	40.50	43.32	-0.15	2.75
UK Growth	38.99	41.71†	-0.19	2.12
Worldwide Gth	33.93	36.29†	-0.15	0.56

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	228.11	242.67	+2.46	...
-do- Acc	251.25	267.29	+2.71	...
British Gth	93.19	99.13†	+0.25	1.82
-do- Acc	110.35	117.39†	-0.30	1.82
European	103.63	110.25	-0.83	0.12
-do- Acc	110.14	117.17	-0.88	0.12
Extra Inc	202.26	215.17	-0.35	3.92
-do- Acc	330.70	351.80	-0.57	3.92
General Unit	289.36	307.83	-1.14	2.22
-do- Acc	578.00	614.90	-2.28	2.22
Income	357.24	380.04	-0.43	3.41
-do- Acc	742.34	789.72	-0.89	3.42
International	539.67	574.12†	+2.48	0.12
-do- Acc	708.05	753.25†	+3.26	0.12
Pacific	404.03	429.82	+6.06	...
-do- Acc	424.54	451.63	+6.37	...
Premier Income	54.41	56.66†	-0.22	5.90
-do- Acc	116.66	121.52†	-0.47	5.90
Nat Resources	151.42	161.08†	+3.94	...
-do- Acc	166.18	176.79†	+4.33	...
Selected Opps	106.62	113.43†	-0.01	1.30
-do- Acc	134.54	143.13†	-0.02	1.30

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	70.51	75.21	+0.25	...
-do- Acc	72.73	77.57	+0.25	...
European Opps	68.19	72.38	-0.46	0.41
-do- Acc	68.91	73.14	-0.46	0.41
Japan	90.30	96.32	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	90.30	96.32	-0.30	...
Little Dragons	101.59	108.36	+1.67	0.46
-do- Acc	104.57	111.54	+1.71	0.46
Oriental Income	48.49	51.72†	+0.01	3.08
-do- Acc	63.83	68.08†	+0.02	3.08
Tiger	271.33	289.41	+2.02	0.91
-do- Acc	285.06	304.06	+2.13	0.91
UK Small Cos	91.61	97.97	-0.21	1.62
-do- Acc	106.88	114.31	-0.23	1.62

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	19.62	20.87	+0.36	0.50
Pacific Basin	40.06	42.61	+0.07	0.60
Canadian Gth	40.04	42.59	+1.30	...
Global Bond	$0.9797	$1.0205	-0.0024	6.93
Penny Share	26.27	27.94	+0.00	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	53.53	53.54	+0.01	4.86
Gilt Growth	73.74	76.74	-0.73	...
Gilt Income	54.55	56.77†	-0.35	6.75
Short Dtd Gilt	112.60	114.10	-0.30	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.7213	$0.7305	...	...
Challenger	101.30	103.70	-0.90	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	74.24	78.97	+0.23	1.81

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	38,000	Cadbury	683	MEPC	1,100	Scot & New	2,300
Abbey Natl	1,400	Carlton Cms	3,000	Marks Spr	2,900	Scot Power	2,200
Alld-Lyons	2,300	Coats Vyla	2,200	NFC	356	Sears	3,900
Anglian W	1,000	Cm Union	1,100	NatWst Bk	6,000	Svrn Trent	2,500
Argyll Gp	6,400	Courtaulds	852	Nat Power	3,400	Shell Trans	5,200
Arjo Wiggn	1,200	Enterpr Oil	915	Nth Wst W	1,900	Siebe	465
AB Foods	153	Forte	437	Nthrn Fds	3,000	SmKl Bch	2,900
BAA	766	GRE	334	P & O	1,000	Smith Nph	1,500
BAT Inds	4,100	GUS A	n/a	Pearson	520	Std Chard	927
BOC	837	Gen Acc	1,300	PowerGen	849	Sun Allnce	533
BP	12,000	Gen Elec	4,800	Prudential	2,700	TI Gp	840
BT	6,000	Glaxo	4,600	RMC	317	TSB	2,000
BTR	8,400	Granada	521	RTZ	1,800	Tesco	16,000
Bk of Scot	1,700	Grand Met	5,200	Rank Org	1,700	Thames W	2,200
Barclays	4,300	Guinness	8,600	Reckitt Col	729	Thrn EMI	639
Bass	2,500	HSBC	4,100	Redland	307	Tomkins	5,300
Blue Circle	2,800	Hanson	6,100	Reed Intl	751	Unilever	1,500
Boots	1,700	ICI	4,300	Rentokil	525	Utd Bisc	585
Bowater	2,800	Inchcape	1,000	Reuters	699	Vodafone	3,300
Brit Aero	1,300	Kingfisher	4,500	Rolls Royce	1,500	Wrbrg (SG)	1,200
Brit Airwys	2,200	Ladbroke	4,300	Rothmans	n/a	Wellcome	18,000
Brit Gas	8,100	Land Secs	837	Ryl Ins	1,100	Whitbd 'A'	341
Brit Steel	3,900	Legal & Gn	755	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100	Wlms Hld	1,000
Burmah C	137	Lloyds Bk	3,000	Sainsbury	9,800	Wolseley	926
Cable Wire	3,700	MB Cardn	1,700	Schroders	18	Zeneca	2,900

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3700.15 (+35.49)
S&P Composite 468.10 (+3.49)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19479.45 (-359.33)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9010.27 (+107.07)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 135.6 (+1.8)

Sydney: AO 2076.3 (+8.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2038.46 (-4.62)

FT 30 share: 2393.3 (+9.9)

Brussels:
General 7001.26 (+0.77)

Paris: CAC 601.97 (-5.57)

Zurich: SKA Gen 621.90 (-0.40)

London:
FT A All-Share 1562.82 (+2.69)
FT 500 1672.17 (+1.74)
FT Gold Mines 226.5 (+5.2)
FT Fixed Interest 124.35 (-0.48)
FT Govt Secs 102.65 (-0.33)
Bargains 36430
SEAQ Volume 739.2m
USM (Datastrm) 151.48 (+0.35)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 25	November 5	January 27	February 7

Call options were taken out on 28/10/93: Brent Walker, Caverdale, Ferranti Intl, LIT Prf, NSM, Psion, Storm, Tadpole, Wilshaw.

Puts: NSM, Wilshaw.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3174.0	3196.0	3160.0	3183.0	13279
Previous open interest: 67834	Mar 94	3194.5	3196.5	3194.5	3199.5	370
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.54	94.61	94.52	94.59	23395
Previous open interest: 382328	Mar 94	94.70	94.77	94.69	94.75	9195
	Jun 94	94.71	94.78	94.69	94.77	4264
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.46	96.47	96.45	96.47	521
Previous open interest: 10907	Mar 94	96.46	96.47	96.43	96.46	123
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.80	93.87	93.78	93.86	36014
Previous open interest: 677628	Mar 94	94.46	94.51	94.45	94.51	19959
Long Gilt	Dec 93	113-27	114-15	113-12	114-08	86381
Previous open interest: 128461	Mar 94	113-04	113-18	112-24	113-16	465
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	114.16	114.20	114.07	114.17	1842
	Mar 94	113.40	113.41	113.33	113.41	307
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	99.80	100.10	99.66	99.95	133227
Previous open interest: 188641	Mar 94	99.92	100.17	99.79	100.06	1349
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	102.18	102.35	102.14	102.30	2934
Previous open interest: 22090	Mar 94					0
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.02	93.08	93.00	93.07	1577
Previous open interest: 31814	Mar 94	93.82	93.85	93.79	93.86	1032
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.60	95.68	95.59	95.66	4553
Previous open interest: 49196	Mar 94	96.03	96.08	96.02	96.08	1751
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	116.10	117.08	115.68	116.90	65592
Previous open interest: 85021	Mar 94	115.55	116.45	115.55	116.69	522

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.6 (day's range 80.5-80.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7897-2.8119	2.8085-2.8119	par-[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Brussels	53.86-54.25	54.14-54.25	13-18ds	39-48ds
Copenhagen	10.0040-10.1040	10.0660-10.1040	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Dublin	1.0575-1.0599	1.0579-1.0598	5-8ds	20-27ds
Frankfurt	2.4843-2.5075	2.5041-2.5075	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Lisbon	255.82-258.27	257.63-258.27	94-142ds	310-395ds
Madrid	198.31-200.33	199.88-200.33	55-69ds	179-200ds
Milan	2414.10-2424.60	2420.60-2424.60	5-7ds	18-20ds
Montreal	1.9525-1.9719	1.9689-1.9719	0.27-0.16pr	0.50-0.37pr
New York	1.4755-1.4895	1.4885-1.4895	0.35-0.33pr	0.84-0.82pr
Oslo	10.8440-10.9390	10.9010-10.9390	[illegible]pr	[illegible]ds
Paris	8.6850-8.7640	8.7420-8.7640	[illegible]-1ds	[illegible]ds
Stockholm	12.0720-12.1550	12.1160-12.1550	[illegible]ds	4-5[illegible]ds
Tokyo	160.01-161.51	161.24-161.51	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.47-17.70	17.66-17.70	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Zurich	2.1895-2.2045	2.2003-2.2033	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4740-1.4766
Australia dollar	2.2078-2.2110
Bahrain dinar	0.5525-0.5645
Brazil cruzeiro *	248.97-250.33
Cyprus pound	0.745-0.755
Finland marka	8.5045-8.6205
Greece drachma	351.75-358.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.4059-11.4152
India rupee	46.01-46.97
Kuwait dinar KD	0.438-0.448
Malaysia ringgit	3.7740-3.7781
Mexico peso	4.55-4.65
New Zealand dollar	2.6585-2.6652
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.492-5.618
Singapore dollar	2.3438-2.3469
S Africa rand (fin)	6.2223-6.2562
S Africa rand (com)	4.9826-4.9883
U A E dirham	5.378-5.502

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4963-1.4974
Austria	11.87-11.88
Belgium (Com)	36.54-36.57
Canada	1.323-1.334
Denmark	6.787-6.807
France	5.895-5.905
Germany	1.6885-1.6895
Hong Kong	7.7302-7.7312
Ireland	1.4055-1.4070
Italy	1635.1-1636.6
Japan	108.23-108.33
Malaysia	2.5578-2.5588
Netherlands	1.895-1.896
Norway	7.352-7.362
Portugal	173.4-173.7
Singapore	1.5885-1.5895
Spain	134.78-134.98
Sweden	8.155-8.175
Switzerland	1.4925-1.4935

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6[illegible] Low 5[illegible] Week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6[illegible], close 6[illegible].

Local Authority Deps:	5[illegible]	n/a	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.09-3.05	n/a	3.33-3.28	3.36-3.32	3.54-3.49
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 29, 1993 Agreed rates Nov 24, 1993 to Dec 25, 1993 Schemes III: 7.06%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1993 to Oct 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.820%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7-6
French Franc:	[illegible]	7-6[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $368.90-369.40 Close: $369.50-370.00 High: $371.00-371.50
Low: $367.50-368.00 Krugerrand: $369.00-371.00 (£248.00-250.00)
Sovereigns: Old $86.00-88.00 (£57.50-59.50) New $86.00-88.00 (£57.50-59.50)
Platinum: $373.75 (£253.15) Silver: $4.39 (£2.955) Palladium: $129.50 (£87.70)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	54	64	69	9½	15½	25½
(*592½)	600	23	34	41½	31½	37	50
Argyll	280	26	33½	39	11½	15	22½
(*295½)	300	13½	23½	29	22	25½	32½
ASDA	50	8	10	11½	2½	4	5
(*55½)	60	3	5	6½	8	9	10½
Boots	500	31	43½	51½	15½	23	31
(*515)	550	9½	20½	28	47	52	58½
Br Airways	360	28	38	44½	14½	19½	28
(*372½)	390	14½	23½	30½	30	36	44
BP	330	26	32½	39	8½	12½	16½
(*346½)	360	11½	17½	24	23½	27½	31½
Br Steel	130	11	15½	19	9½	12½	15½
(*130)	140	6½	11	14½	16	18½	21
C & W	950	73	94	120	29	40	55½
(*986½)	1000	46	70½	93½	53½	66	78
CU	600	64	71	81½	6½	16	21½
(*647½)	650	29½	38½	51½	24	36½	43
ICI	681	60½	—	—	12½	—	—
(*718)	750	22½	32½	43½	45	64½	70
Kingfishr	650	38	55	64	20½	29½	39½
(*659½)	700	16	31	40½	49½	57	60½
Land Sec	700	53½	66½	74	11	17	26½
(*739½)	750	23½	36	46½	33	39	50
M & S	390	26½	35	40	10½	14½	20½
(*404½)	420	12	20	25	26½	30	35½
Nat West	550	32	39	48½	18½	31	35½
(*555½)	600	11½	18	27	52	62½	66
Sainsbury	390	29½	39	45½	15	20	26½
(*401½)	420	15	25	31	31½	37	43
Shell	700	32	38½	49½	20	33	37
(*702)	750	11½	18	28	52½	64½	67½
Smkl Bch	420	27½	36½	47	24½	31½	38
(*421½)	460	12½	21½	30½	51	56	62
Storehse	180	24	26½	30½	4	7	9½
(*197)	200	11	15	18½	13	16	18½
Trafalgar	90	13½	16	18	4½	6	8
(*98½)	100	7	11	13½	9	11	13
Unilever	1100	68½	86	99½	21	35	43½
(*1141½)	1150	38	55½	71	43½	59	66
Zeneca	750	61	72½	83	18	35½	44
(*781)	800	31½	45½	57½	41½	62½	69
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	23	31	37½	24½	27½	33
(*421)	460	8½	16	22	52½	54½	58½
Ladbroke	160	26	28	29½	6	10½	12½
(*176)	180	14	16½	19	15	21	23
Utd Bisc	360	32½	39	43	14	24½	27½
(*372½)	390	17½	24	28½	29½	41½	44½

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	850	34	47	62	9	22½	32
(*870)	900	8½	22	39½	36	50½	57
Thames W	500	52	53½	62	1½	7½	9½
(*548½)	550	10½	21	30½	18	25	29
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	475	23½	38	—	5½	16	—
(*489½)	500	8	23	28½	17½	28	39
BTR	360	17½	28	31	4	9½	15½
(*371)	390	4	12½	16	22	26	32½
Br Aero	390	38½	58½	68	7½	23	31½
(*416½)	420	17	42	53½	21	36½	47
Br Telcm	460	13	23	31	7½	18½	22
(*464)	500	1½	7½	14	38	46	47½
Cadbury	453	34½	47	49	3	8	16½
(*482)	493	6	22½	26½	16½	26	36½
Guinness	420	21	34	46	7	15½	24½
(*432½)	460	5½	16	25½	32	37½	47½
GEC	330	24½	31	37	2	7	9½
(*350)	360	5	14	20½	14	21½	24
Hanson	260	15	20	23	2½	8	11
(*271½)	280	3½	9½	13	12	18	21½
LASMO	140	8½	16	20½	6½	11	15
(*142)	160	2	7½	12½	20½	23½	26½
Lucas	160	13½	21½	24½	3½	7½	12
(*169)	180	3½	11	14	14½	19	23
Pilkingtn	140	11	15½	19	3½	9	12
(*146½)	160	2½	7	10½	16½	22	24½
Prudential	360	14½	26½	30½	6	12½	19½
(*367)	390	2½	12	15½	25½	29½	37
Redland	500	50	66	73	2½	11½	22½
(*544½)	550	14½	34½	43	18½	31½	46
Royal Ins	317	11½	23	—	7½	14½	—
(*319½)	346	2½	10½	—	29	32	—
Tesco	200	12½	20	25	4½	9	15
(*206½)	220	3½	9	14½	18	21	26½
Vodafone	500	51	65½	77½	3½	15	21½
(*544½)	550	17½	35½	49	19½	36½	44
Williams	330	15	27	31½	6	13½	20½
(*337)	360	3	12½	17	26	30½	37½

FT-SE INDEX (*3165½)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Nov	176	128	85	47	21	8
Dec	196	153	114	80	52	32
Jan	215	175	137	105	77	54
Feb	229	191	154	123	96	74
Jun	264	—	199	—	143	—
Puts						
Nov	3	6	13	28	53	92
Dec	15	22	33	50	73	106
Jan	28	39	51	70	93	121
Feb	35	47	61	80	104	132
Jun	65	—	98	—	142	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	420	19	29	34	11½	22	26
(*424)	460	4½	11½	17	39	47	50
Amstrad	45	6	8½	10	2½	4	5
(*48½)	50	3½	6	7½	5	6½	8
Barclays	550	31½	44½	52	12½	23½	28
(*564)	600	8½	19½	28½	42	51	55½
Blue Circ	300	15½	26½	30	12½	19½	27½
(*300½)	330	4½	14	17½	34	38	46½
Br Gas	330	18½	28	32½	6	10	17
(*340)	360	5½	12½	17	23	26½	33
Dixons	260	20½	29	36½	10	17½	21½
(*268½)	280	10½	19½	26	20	28	32
Forte	220	13	21½	24	8½	14½	20½
(*222)	240	4½	12½	15½	22	26½	32½
Hillsdwn	160	8½	16½	18	6½	10½	15½
(*164½)	180	2	8	9½	21	23½	29½
Lonrho	120	11½	16	19	6	11	12½
(*124)	130	6½	11½	14½	11½	16½	18
Sears	110	9	12½	14	3	5	7½
(*115)	120	4	7½	8½	8½	10½	13
Thrn Eml	900	59½	74½	94	14	30	37½
(*937½)	950	29	48	66	35	54½	61½
Tomkins	240	22	30	34½	4½	9½	12½
(*256½)	260	9½	18	24	13	18½	22
TSB	220	14	19½	22½	6½	13	15½
(*225)	240	5	9½	13½	18½	24½	27
Wellcome	700	43	66½	77½	30	46	55
(*715)	750	19	45	56	62	75	84½
	Series	Dec		Apr	Dec		Apr
Glaxo	650	65	88	109½	14½	36	46½
(*693)	700	34½	62	81	35½	60½	70½
HSBC	700	65	86½	96½	10½	30½	38½
(*746½)	750	32½	57	70	29½	54	62½
Reuter	1600	84½	128½	161½	38	74½	91½
(*1633½)	1650	56	99½	134	62½	98½	115
	Series	Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
R-Royce	137	19	22	—	3	5½	—
(*150½)	156	7	11	—	11	14½	—
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Fisons	160	12	18½	21½	9	14½	21
(*164)	180	4½	10	13½	24	27½	34
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	600	26	40½	50½	7	20	25
(*619½)	650	4	16½	25½	37	48	52½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	390	30	40½	46½	5½	11	16
(*416)	420	13	23	29½	18	23	30
Scot Pwr	390	33	39	46½	3	9	11½
(*415)	420	12½	21	28½	14	21½	24½

October 28, 1993 Tot: 37371 Calls: 17200 Puts: 20171 FT-SE Calls: 2187 Puts: 8376
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The Brazilian government have finally gained approval for the Banco Do Brazil to release funds to buy coffee for the retention scheme. While this is still a technical fudge to avoid the red tape of Congress, the first purchases should still begin next Wednesday. However, judging by the lack of reaction of the futures market to this news, there is still considerable scepticism.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	943-942	Mar	959-957
Mar	974-973	May	962 SLR
May	982-980	Jul	964-959
Jul	979 BID	Sep	965 SLR
Sep	981-979		
Dec	959-956		Volume: 3056

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1184-1182	Jul	1188-1178
Jan	1207-1205	Sep	1188-1178
Mar	1195-1193	Nov	1188-1178
May	1190-1188		Volume: 4525

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	10.97-11.05
Spot: 268.7		Jan	unq
Mar	10.73-10.76	Mar	unq
May	10.91-10.94	May	unq
Jul	11.17-11.22		Volume: 68

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	287.0-85.3
Spot: 287.0		Oct	276.5-74.0
Dec	283.6-82.2	Dec	277.5-74.4
Mar	281.0-80.0	Mar	281.4-78.3
May	283.0-81.8		Volume: 756

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 28

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	66.51	79.37	121.50
(+/-)	+0.46	-2.24	+0.71
Eng/Wales:	66.47	79.44	121.54
(+/-)	+0.50	-2.63	+1.04
(%)	+6.2	-28.7	+3.3
Scotland:	69.22	78.95	121.16
(+/-)	-8.28	-0.57	-1.27
(%)	n/a	-47.2	-23.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	97.90
Jan	100.25
Mar	102.20
May	104.00
Jun	105.35
	Volume: 182

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	101.40
Jan	103.50
Mar	105.45
May	107.40
Sep	94.25
	Volume: 14

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	90.0
Apr	86.0	84.6
May	unq	103.0
		Volume: 160

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Nov 61.50-62.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): An inspired market awaited fresh fundamentals to lend some direction.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.90	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.00	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.30	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.45	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.65	-0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	184 (-1)	186 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	164 (n/c)	165 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	168 (-1)	169 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	168 (-1)	169 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	153 (-1)	155 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Nov	164.00-64.25	Feb	162.75-63.00
Dec	164.25-64.50	Mar	162.00-62.50
Jan	163.50-63.75	Apr	161.00-61.75
			Vol: 13965

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.26-16.28	Mar	16.74 BID
Jan	16.48-16.50	Apr	16.83 BID
Feb	16.60-16.65		Vol: 41052

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Nov	167.00-70.00	Feb	unq
Dec	170.00 SLR	Mar	unq
Jan	unq		Vol: 30

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 93	1327	1327	1324
Nov 93	1345	1330	1343
Dec 93	1345	1340	1345
Jan 94	1345	1340	1349

Vol: 118 lots. Open int'st: 3029 Index 1332 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1605.0-1605.5	1626.5-1627.0	1356975
Lead ($/tonne)	400.00-401.00	413.00-414.00	157800
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	926.50-927.00	943.00-943.50	620250
Tin ($/tonne)	4700.0-4705.0	4745.0-4750.0	18245
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1048.0-1048.5	1069.0-1069.5	1466125
Nickel ($/tonne)	4495.0-4500.0	4550.0-4552.0	72384

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Small gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 18. Dealings end today. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day November 8. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
439	345	Abbey Nat	424	+ 6	11.6	2.5	16.3
290	179	Allied Irish	287	...	...	3.6	14.7
197½	130	Aus New Z	187	+ 6	...	4.7	...
3400p	2712½	Bankamerica	2862½	+ 6½	...	...	...
286	177	Bk of Ireland	283	...	...	...	4.4 20.9
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
169	116½	Bank Scotland	163 †	+ 5	6.6	3.0	26.2
577	362	Barclays	564	+ 8	...	2.8	...
4½	3	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
22	15½	Carlisle	19½	+ ½	...	...	...
595	395	Cater Allen	569	- 15	27.0	5.0	...
150	85	Cmths	144	- 1	...	3.9	19.2
2440½	1787½	Chase Mann	2320 †	+21½	...	...	...
3600	1343½	Citicorp	3400 †	- 25	...	...	...
450	250	Close Bros	448	...	...	3.1	16.3
6139p	4275	Commerzbk	£1385½	+125	...	3.0	...
2342½	£2569	Deutsche Bk	£3385½	-180	...	1.8	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	95½	...	...	0.0	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	489	-35	21.5	5.6	12.8
775	490	HSBC	747	+ 30	20.0	3.3	17.9
772	474	HSBC HK	756	+10	20.0	3.3	18.1
402	243	Hambros	402	+17	14.0	4.4	18.6
426	313	Joseph (B)	418	- 2	10.6	3.0	...
155	9p	King Shaxson	150	+ 2	8.0	7.5	...
525	312	Kleinwort Ben	525	+19	16.7	4.0	18.2
591	402	Lloyds	566	+ 2	19.1	4.2	16.2
118	85	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.9	3.8	18.8
558	322	Nat Aust Bk	558	+ 5	...	3.5	23.3
586	396	Nat West	555	+ 8	17.8	4.0	13.7
480	270	Provident	422	...	12.4	3.7	18.3
51	39	Rea Bros	51	...	0.5	1.3	54.2
362	287	Rt Bk Scot	360	+ 5	9.0	3.1	...
1336	467½	Schroders	1280	+ 3	...	1.2	25.2
1045	576	Stand Chart	1040	- 1	20.5	2.5	...
227	145½	TSB	224½	+ 4½	6.4	3.6	...
140½	70	Union Disc	140	+10	...	...	...
928	528	Warburg SG	913	...	...	2.6	23.0
9600	4843½	Wells Fargo	7550 †	-375	...	2.7	...
198	121	Westpac	199	+ 6	...	4.8	...
325	188	Wintrust	325	...	0.3	1.6	29.1

BREWERIES

946	517	Allied-Lyons	593	+ 4	...	4.4	16.0
547	441	Bass	488	...	19.1	4.9	10.6
298	199	Boddington	271	+ 1	7.5	2.8	15.8
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	439	...	...	2.9	19.2
167	129	Burnerend Brw	154	...	4.7	3.0	12.9
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	129	...	...	3.2	34.1
108½	50	Fosters Brewing	107½	+ ½	...	4.2	...
475	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	432	...	...	2.1	18.5
450	383	Grand Met	431	+ 4	12.5	3.7	13.9
427	347	Greenalls Grp	383	...	12.0	3.9	12.7
575	505	Greene King	574	...	...	2.7	16.3
521	398	Guinness	437	-10	...	3.5	16.2
291	230	Hardy Hanus	253	+ 1	7.8	3.9	14.1
138	105	Heavitree A	138	...	3.0	2.8	32.9
353	255	Highland Dist	340	...	6.0	2.4	...
3128	2538	Holt J	2738	...	42.0	1.7	19.8
80	33	Hoskins Brew	75	...	...	5.4	0.0
353	250	Invrgordn Dist	298	+ 1	...	3.0	17.0
186	131	Macallan-Glen	131	- 1	4.3	4.2	29.4
485	373	Macdn Martn 'A'	392	...	...	2.8	18.6
255	164	Marshfield	255	...	4.3	5.2	11.9
399	331	Mrsan Thmp	384	- 1	...	3.4	17.2
510	288½	Manthew Clark	510 †	+ 2	...	4.4	17.0
300	253	Mrryiwn W	298	...	7.0	3.4	20.1
455	358	Morland	515	...	8.7	2.1	20.5
12	½	Paramount A	9 †	- ½	...	...	...
194	145	Regent Inns	195 †	...	4.5	2.9	∞
1088	753	SA Breweries	1055	-10	...	2.5	17.9
475	393	Scot & Nwc	469	+ 2	...	4.5	14.6
225	181	Taunton Cider	198	...	6.0	3.0	15.5
262	213	Vaux Group	262	+ 2	9.3	4.5	18.8
356	225	Wetherspoon JD	355	...	5.4	1.9	∞
574½	436	Whitbread 'A'	521	- 1	...	4.3	14.1
1425	850	-do- 'B'	1280	...	...	1.8	30.1
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	492	- 9	11.8	3.0	13.8
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	14.8

BUILDING, ROADS

135	73	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
259½	124	Alfredgbmore A	19	...	...	...	...
148	87	Allens	139	...	5.0	4.5	31.3
120	65	Amec	112 †	- 1	3.0	3.3	20.7
12	4	Anglia Sec 'A'	7½	...	...	...	...
323	155	Ashtead	323	+ 2	4.5	1.8	33.0
142	101	Ashwoods	124	+ 2	5.0	5.2	∞
270	180	BPB Ind	267	...	...	3.5	45.9
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	85	...	3.1	4.6	28.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26½	...	0.6	2.8	...
108	74	Barcom	93	...	1.2	1.7	16.9
56½	32	Bardon	41	...	2.0	6.1	20.2
98	54	Barrat Devs	179	- 1	4.0	2.8	∞
459	305	Bellway	459	+ 2	...	3.3	26.6
43	15	Bellwinch	40	...	...	...	...
449	295½	Berkeley Gp	438	+ 1	...	1.7	27.5
116	45	Bett Bros	96	+ 4	...	0.7	3.9
53	3p	Blackfrys	50	+ 4	1.0	2.2	61.9
301	189	Blue Circle	301	+10	...	4.7	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	269	...	6.0	2.8	15.0
106	78	Breedon PLC	91	+ 4	4.6	6.3	22.4
126	82	Br Dredging	125	+ 2	5.2	5.3	27.2
61	45	Brit Ptridge	54	...	1.7	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	142	- 1	...	4.2	28.7
113	53	CALA	113	- 1	...	2.5	...
326	200	CRH	326	+ 1	...	2.6	17.9
43	18	Calabrese Hldg	39	...	...	...	...
415	21	Cosmin	30½	- 1	...	...	...
148	86½	Countrywide	148	+ 3	...	3.5	39.1
98½	38	Crest Nicholson	97	...	0.0	...	...
112	37	Cussins	98	- 1	...	1.3	...
7½	1½	Dunmore	4½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.3	2.0	...
275	178	Epwin	273	...	7.0	3.2	23.1
59	32	Erith	57	...	0.3	0.8	...
483	252	Ew Group	483	...	...	2.6	17.5
6½	3	Explanrae	5½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	129	...	...	4.8	20.5
50	38	Galliford	40½	...	1.0	3.1	∞
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	81	...	...	1.5	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	∞
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	163 †	...	...	2.5	28.1
51	28	Hewerson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
358	186	Heywd Wms	355	...	12.5	4.4	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	113	...	2.5	2.8	...
38	26	How Gp	29½	...	...	4.8	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Hsock Johnsen	61 †	- 1	1.0	2.0	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	14	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	302	+ 1	9.0	3.7	12.1
125½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	120	+ ½	...	5.3	...
103	55	Ln Clydesdale	103	...	4.5	5.5	38.8
23	10½	Lovell (TJ)	18	...	...	...	8.2
350	240	Manders	299	...	9.3	3.9	18.3
168	93	Marley	159	- 1	4.2	3.3	46.6
114	61	Marshalls	114	+ 1	...	4.4	26.4
185	122	Maunders (J)	185 †	...	...	3.5	∞
217	96	McAlpine (A)	213	...	6.5	3.8	36.9
47	23	McCarthy & S	44	...	0.5	1.4	...
445	272	Meyer Int	430	+ 1	...	2.9	43.1
129	62	Mowlem (J)	119	+ 1	4.0	4.2	...
156	51	MSM	145	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler A	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	150	+ 1	...	5.6	20.0
300	197	Persimmon	294	...	8.6	3.7	30.0
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10 †	...	...	...	2.4
1625	1237½	Pochin	1525	...	29.0	2.4	∞
163	80	Prowting	156	- 1	3.4	2.7	...
9½	1½	Quilligotti A	1½	...	...	...	...
840	555	RMC Gp	813	+ 3	...	3.1	30.5
117	75½	Ralne Ind	78½	...	...	4.8	18.6
36	18	Rammila	20	...	...	...	...
575	402	Redland	564	+ 2	25.0	5.7	31.7
82	64	Rmdel	82 †	...	4.3	6.6	12.1
306	207	Rugby Group	302	...	6.4	2.9	21.8
68	23	Sydl-Rvca	57	...	...	0.5	...
145	68	Sharpe & Fisher	144	...	...	3.5	25.0
238	86½	Sheffield Insl	237	+ 5	...	2.8	58.2
170	82	Sheriff Hldgs	170	...	...	1.7	25.3
98	66	Shorco A	84	...	...	7.7	19.1
260	146	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
6½	2½	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	137½	- 1	5.5	5.0	...
164	137	Thy Homes	176 †	...	5.8	4.2	∞
134	43	Taylor Woodrw	123	...	1.0	1.0	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	628	+ 3	33.0	6.6	20.4
39	19	Toras Hire	37	...	...	1.4	...
280	166	Travis Perkins	277	- 1	8.0	3.6	48.8
60	28	Try Group	29	...	1.0	4.3	8.2
28	23	Tudor A	23	...	...	1.4	...
84	41	Vibroplant	93	...	2.5	3.4	33.4
65	20	Ward Hldgs	40	...	...	...	...
39	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Wates Bldgs	425	...	...	3.5	18.3
21½	9½	Wescoln	18 †	...	...	...	...
167	93	Westbury	164	...	5.0	3.8	25.0
12	4½	West Schffldg	7½	...	...	...	...
3½	1	Wiggins	2½	...	...	...	...
460	371	Wilson Bowdn	446	- 2	8.8	2.5	30.6
205	147	Wilson (C)	192	- 2	3.9	2.6	33.3
194	104	Wimpey G	174	- 1	...	3.8	...
67	25	YRM	38	...	0.5	1.6	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

675	463	ADT	610	...	...	...	...
238	198	Adam & Harvey	235	...	12.0	6.4	4.3
92	56	Air London A	63	...	...	7.2	∞
56	37	Alfredn Lakes	47	...	...	5.3	25.6
178	93	Aston Svc	143	+ 2	...	2.2	51
138	84	BET Ord	127	- 2	...	2.2	5.1
111	41	BNB Res	109	...	4.9	5.7	...
318	258	BPP	306	...	8.3	3.4	40.8
285	195	Barbour Index	222	...	8.0	4.4	15.5
25	15	Bourstead	23	- 1	0.7	3.8	...
299	184	Brit Data Mgt	266	...	4.7	2.2	19.3
26	11	Broadcastle A	26	...	...	2.3	20.7
72	54	Brooks Service	67	- 3	...	1.0	...
119	86	CRT Gp	97	...	...	3.6	17.2
163	139½	Capita Group	185	...	...	1.5	28.9
45	31	Casher Pic	43	+ 1½	...	2.3	16.5
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Chrlsde	30	...	...	...	...
330	228	Chubb Sec	363	...	...	1.6	22.5
103	18	Comac A	98 #	...	...	2.1	22.1
57	6½	Corp Services	26	...	...	...	...
78	20	Couns Cnslg	75	+ 1	...	3.0	17.0
125	90	Dart	125	...	3.3	3.3	17.0
250	198	Davis Service	218	- 3	...	4.6	16.4
104	85	EW Pacts A	104	...	4.3	5.2	11.9
32	11	Gardiner	22½	...	0.4	2.2	16.3
227	215	Hays	226½	- 2	5.3	2.5	∞
348	174	Hogg Robinsn	238	...	...	3.5	17.4
70	35	Holmes Protecn	39	...	...	...	22.4
250½	127	Hunsh Wnamp	243	+ 7	...	2.0	20.3
2500	1975	ISS B DKr	2175	...	...	4.6	3.0
675	490	Inchcape	650 †	- 8	...	3.6	16.0
873	669	Johnson Clean	870	...	25.7	3.7	19.0
12	2½	Lep	9½	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	276	...	3.5	1.6	21.7
1187	893	Manpower	1097	...	...	...	...
167	40½	Michael Page	80	...	1.8	3.0	25.5
170	125	Perrins	168	+ 1	...	9.8	4.8
4	2	Prime People A	3½	...	...	...	...
74	37½	Proudfoot Alex	70	...	...	23.7	4.4
142	74	RCD	137	...	14.1	2.0	13.5
433	337	REA	387	...	2.0	2.6	...
119	80	Read Executive	104	...	...	...	...
169	63	Reliance Secs	110	...	...	5.1	22.9
238	108	Rentokil	203½	- 1½	2.5	1.5	25.4
238	178	Rolfe & Nolan	230	...	...	3.5	14.7
265	220	Sthmpton Int	260	...	...	2.7	20.1
366	334	Salvesen (C)	367	...	...	2.9	11.2
30	26	Scott Pickford A	35	...	...	...	...
10	5	Select Appt A	8	- 1	...	...	...
1303	695	Serco Gp	1205	...	13.3	1.4	33.3
352	124	Shared Cmpts	145	...	...	6.0	4.2
130	90	Skendelay	108	...	...	3.5	24.2
359	310	Warner Howrd	345	...	6.5	2.4	18.0
45	27	Welpac	32	...	...	...	...
26½	14	Wills Gp	24½	+ ½	0.4	2.0	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	210	Allied Colloids	241	- 1	...	3.2	21.2
914	613	Amersham	914	+ 9	...	1.8	31.6
3	1½	Anglo Ind	2	-46½	...	6.1	...
£1115	8325	BASF Dbl	£1095	...	...	3.9	20.6
298	190	BTP	£1265	-75	...	4.5	7.2
£1285	£1015	Bayer DM50	£1264	...	6.5	5.0	17.7
178	134	Blagden	177	...	...	7.9	10.7
165	93	Brent Chems	393	...	...	...	...
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	393	...	...	22.2	25.0
30	7½	Calrd Gp	9	+ 1	...	...	...
180	126	Canning (W)	168	+ 5	7.3	5.4	19.3
608	482	Cmrauids	498	...	...	3.5	13.2
335	228	Croda	335	...	...	4.6	9.5
149	121	Doeflex	124 †	...	...	...	20.8
286	175	Ellis & Everard	218	...	...	0.8	2.6 23.9
41	15½	Euro Colour	39	...	...	6.5	2.4 ∞
342	259	Fhistend (J)	272	...	...	5.8	15.9
241	167	Hickson	£113½	-112½	...	3.2	...
£118	£850	Hoechst	223	...	...	2.1	20.5
250	195	Holliday Chem	223	...	...	4.8	...
740½	608	ICI	678	...	19.9	3.7	16.7
693	576	Lapone	218	- 2	...	4.7	20.3
270	181	Leigh	52	...	...	...	...
67½	35	MTM		...	...	...	...

DRAPERY, STORES

102	53	Alexon	73	...	...	5.1	...
87	42	Amber Day	55	...	3.1	7.0	15.1
358	257	Argos Plc	343	+ 6	...	2.6	20.3
25	12	Ashley Group	12	...	...	2.0	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	92	- 2	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	320	...	5.1	1.6	22.9
154	94	Austin Reed	154 †	...	...	2.0	...
155	125	Bemrose Gft 'A'	154	+ 1	...	5.0	15.5
121	94	Bernards	110	...	1.9	2.2	...
278	179	Bentcrware	257	+14	...	1.3	24.7
47	22	Blacks Leis	46	...	2.2	6.2	...
227	130	Body Shop	214	...	...	1.0	27.5
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	0.0	6.6
434	318	Brown (N)	428	- 3	...	2.1	25.0
87½	64½	Burton	76	- 2½	...	3.3	...
157	126	Cantors	156	...	4.0	3.3	∞
368	295	Church	368	...	12.5	4.5	31.0
183	47	Clinton Cards	164 †	+ 4	4.3	3.3	19.8
280½	212	Coats Viyella	274	- 2	...	3.4	37.9
112	78	Colourvision A	98	...	5.6	7.1	17.6
181	154	Cnty Canvals	175	...	...	3.0	16.1
805	574	Courts Furnish	805	...	5.5	0.9	10.1
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
130	89	Dalry Farm Intl	126	- 2	...	2.9	18.5
88	51½	Dewhirst (JB)	88	+ ½	0.8	1.1	28.3
282	189	Dixons Grp	269	- 5	...	2.9	...
21	8	EKA Gp	10	+ ½	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Exact Para	148 †	- 1	...	3.0	∞
273	203	Exam	254	...	7.0	3.5	23.1
608	499	Fine Art Dev	576	...	12.7	2.8	18.8
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	60	...	...	...	...
573	498	Formmaster	573	...	14.0	3.1	10.4
180	24	French Conns	140	+ 1	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	73 †	...	2.1	3.6	∞
75	23	Goldsmiths Gp	70	...	0.3	0.5	...
563	334	GUS	535 †	+ 4	...	1.4	17.1
40	23	Hampden Grps	23	...	...	4.4	11.4
277	30	Harrisons	63	- 1	...	5.6	...
227	203	Helene Pic	26 †	...	2.0	9.7	12.3
75	29	Heritage A	29	...	...	...	...
75	35	Honeysuckle	71	- 4	...	4.0	∞
161	63	Jacques Vert	160	...	...	2.3	12.3
691	484	Kingfisher	659	+ 9	...	2.6	22.7
74	43½	Leslie Wise Gp	69	...	4.0	7.2	14.2
685	495	Liberty	575	...	7.2	1.0	67.7
320	241	Lloyds Chem	275 †	+10	7.2	3.3	∞
170	120	MPI	143	- 1	...	3.3	30.1
418	311	Marks Spencer	377	...	...	3.3	22.1
580	445	Menzies (John)	577	...	...	2.3	16.4
251	135	Moss Bros	251	...	5.5	2.8	20.3
212	139½	Next	197½	+ 1½	3.5	2.2	23.4
41	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
224	197	Owthms Inns	224	...	...	3.7	15.9
394	119	Palopak	136	...	0.0	5.5	10.7
253	47	Revell Sys	253	+ 5	...	4.4	78.5
209	100	Rode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan	28	...	...	...	...
365	122	LRMS	254	...	...	0.4	35.8
300	205	Lsc Rdrig	233	+ 8	9.0	4.8	...
178	120	Ltle Sciences	139½	- 5	3.7	3.4	15.1
285	164	Logica	279	- 5	...	1.8	32.2
55	44	LPA Ind A	54	...	...	8.1	15.3
228	162	MR Data Mngmt	189 †	...	5.1	3.4	∞
718	523	Macro 4	698	...	...	3.2	21.2
243	175½	Marvier-Stwa	230	...	...	1.9	23.2
3013	1396	Misys Plc	2950	+17	...	...	24.3
227	147	Microgen	159	...	7.2	5.7	10.8
34½	23½	Microvisca	29½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	520	+ 2	...	1.7	19.0
284	98	Mmd	269	...	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comps	128	...	...	3.5	16.4
50½	16	Molynx	43½	- ½	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Instr	255	...	...	1.8	19.2
165	103	Maidstone Elect	113	...	3.5	3.0	20.5
76	48	Murray Enter	159	...	...	2.1	...
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2912½	...	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	131	- 2	2.6	2.5	16.9
65	42	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
277	58	Northdale A	258	...	...	0.7	19.7
75	20	Northamber	61	...	0.6	1.2	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11	...	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	284	...	4.5	2.0	19.5
83	48	P-E Intern'l	73	...	...	...	...
39	29	P & P	37	- 1	1.5	4.7	30.6
80	55	Prek	77	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
222	115	Pegasus A	219	...	...	3.6	56.2
9800	9000	Philips Fn ₹%	9800	...	...	6.1	...
1400	725	-do- Lmp Pf	1375	+125	...	...	...
313	247	Pinnacle A	280	+ 1	...	...	...
290	171½	Pizo	285	...	...	1.8	23.9
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	274	...	...	1.9	23.0
96	63	Plasmacre	75	...	...	5.0	8.5
146	76	Prosec	110	...	2.5	3.0	∞
158	81	Prism A	154	+13	...	2.0	40.9
261	160	Racal Elect	212	- 2	4.2	2.5	12.6
70	45	Rainford	55	...	...	4.2	21.9
70	31	Redfrd-s	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
92	61	Reml Time A	66	+ 1	...	5.7	13.5
35	18	Rivs A	27	...	...	...	34.3
629	367	Sage Gp	532	...	9.3	2.7	33.3
248	222	Sanderson Elec	232	...	9.9	4.0	13.3
88	49	Scantronic	76	...	3.1	5.1	19.2
181	117	Scholes Grp	172	...	...	3.6	22.3
375	270	Scmn Gp	325	...	2.9	1.1	26.2
42	26	Silverminies	39	...	...	5.6	17.2
57	38	Smithkline A	51	...	...	1.3	26.7
2675	1737½	TDK	2362½	...	...	...	...
27	4½	TDS Circuits A	14	+ ½	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	158	- 4	0.8	0.6	25.7
1017	800	THORN EMI	938	...	...	4.9	16.2
152	96	Thorpe FW	150	- 1	2.6	2.2	∞
103	51	Total Systems	52	...	3.0	7.2	9.2
535	372	Tunstall	535	...	5.7	1.1	20.4
294	164	Unitech	294	...	...	2.6	69.7
11½	3½	Varity	10½	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec A	28½	...	...	1.6	18.3
585	367	Vodafone	545	-11	...	1.6	24.7
473	368	Votes	443	...	17.8	1.6	24.7
26	21	Western Selectn	25	...	...	3.0	∞
290	223	Wholesale Figs	268	...	11.7	5.5	28.5

ELECTRICITY

607	389	East Midlands	594	- 2	...	4.1	11.1
622	399	Eastern Elect	617	+ 1	...	3.9	12.3
419	304	Hydro—Elect	410	+ 1	...	3.5	14.9
618	404	London Elect	611	+ 2	...	4.0	13.5
670	458	Manweb	668	+ 6	...	3.9	9.7

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Why specialists are being wooed

A potentially inexpensive way to match freelance computer specialists with contracts was launched earlier this month and could be in operation by December.

Freelance Professional Publications (FPP), of Newbury, Berkshire, plans to cut out the middlemen — recruitment consultancies and agencies — with the publication of *The Computer Freelance Directory*, which will come out at six-monthly intervals.

Miles Hudson, the company's managing editor, says: "As someone who used to employ contract staff, and then became one myself, I could not see the need to use agencies and pay them a whacking fee each time. Employers are very knowledgeable about the sort of skills they need for a particular job and are more than competent to choose their staff."

The directory is intended to provide prospective employers with lists of contractors, from which they will pick the skills they need.

Contractors pay in advance for the service, unlike other ways of finding assignments. A minimum entry in the directory will cost £12.75, and the fee rises if the contractor wants to say more about his or her range of skills and experience.

Mr Hudson's target of 750 contractors in the first issue of the directory is modest, given that the number in Britain is estimated to be 15,000. The target readership, the companies that will be sent the directory without charge, is less modest — 5,000.

On the face of it, the steady recovery this year in the volume of work for freelances makes FPP's timing look good. But the type of work and the skills in demand are not constant. Nobody with relational database experience, for example, should be in the position of having to advertise themselves.

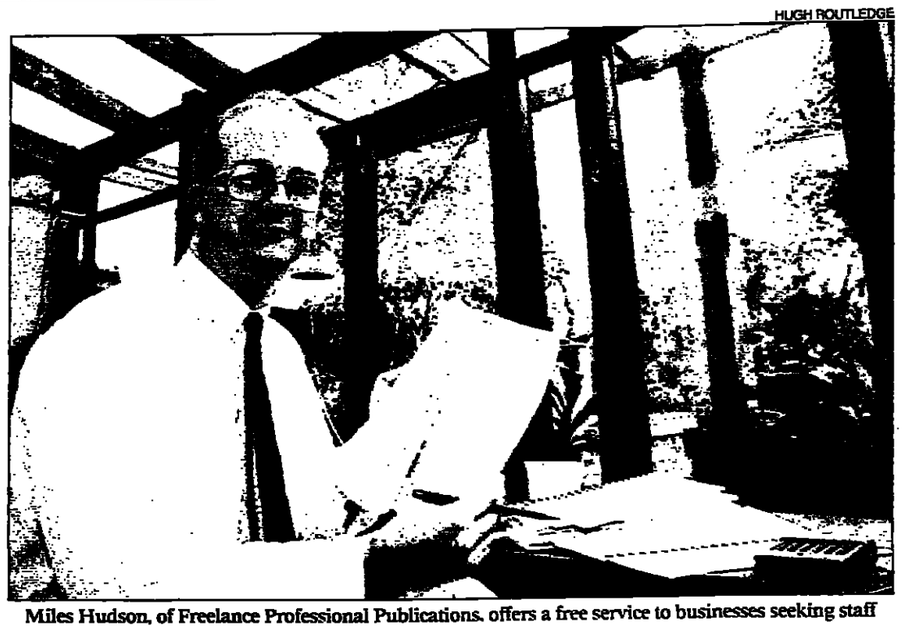
There is a danger that the directory will list skills that the big users of information-technology specialists do not want.

Mr Hudson argues, however, that for small businesses there are flaws in the existing mechanisms for matching contract staff with jobs, which the directory can correct. He therefore intends that his directory will be distributed to Chambers of Commerce, business centres and libraries.

He says: "The whole idea is to generate work for contractors. But there is another side to it. A lot of small businesses that need specialist computing help often discover that going through an agency is a very expensive way of getting that help."

Mike Cullen, chairman of the independent computer contractors section of the British Computer Society, believes the directory has

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Miles Hudson, of Freelance Professional Publications, offers a free service to businesses seeking staff

the potential to fill a significant gap in the market for computer skills. "Take the analogy of the motor industry," he says. "There are the big manufacturers, then there are the big franchises, dealerships and garages, and then there are the little repair shops under the railway arches. In IT there are the first two tiers, in data-processing departments and contractors, but there is no equivalent of the body-shop under the arches.

"There must be a demand for an equivalent, especially among small businesses. We're not talking about the full-blown three months on the client's site at premium rates, but qualified people who can put in a few hours here and there installing an accounting package or helping out with a new system."

The directory is not the only innovation in computer contractor job shopping this year. In the spring an electronic mart called Rex was launched. Rex is an electronic version of the specialist publications such as *Computer Contractor* and *Freelance Informer*. Contractors, with personal computers at home and modems that give them access through the telephone network to the central Rex system, can dial in and browse through vacancies advertised on screen by agencies.

Rex is free to contractors. The service is effectively paid for by advertisers. Christina Symons, the publisher, says Rex now has six agencies regularly advertising and 1,500 contractors dialling in.

So freelance computer specialists find themselves being courted on all sides. From the directory, there is the opportunity for specialists to sell themselves to employers; to avoid agency fees; from the Rex system, the prospect of immediate access to lists of jobs as they become available; from the agencies, access to large IT users that deal only with certain recruitment organisations on preferred supplier lists; from newspaper and magazines, the traditional advertisements.

It may be that different sorts of operation will suit different types of freelance. If so, the more will clearly be the merrier.

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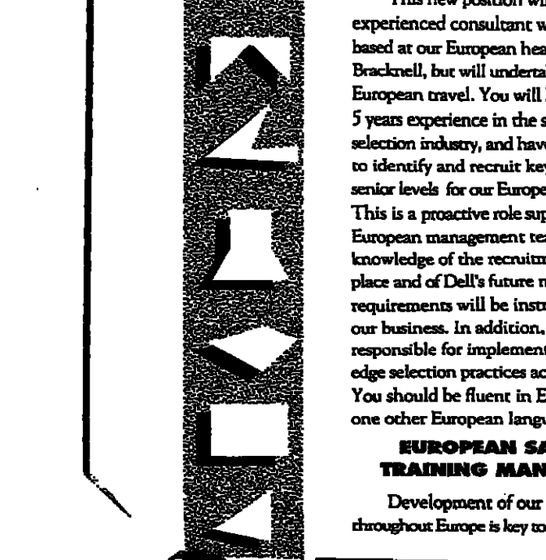
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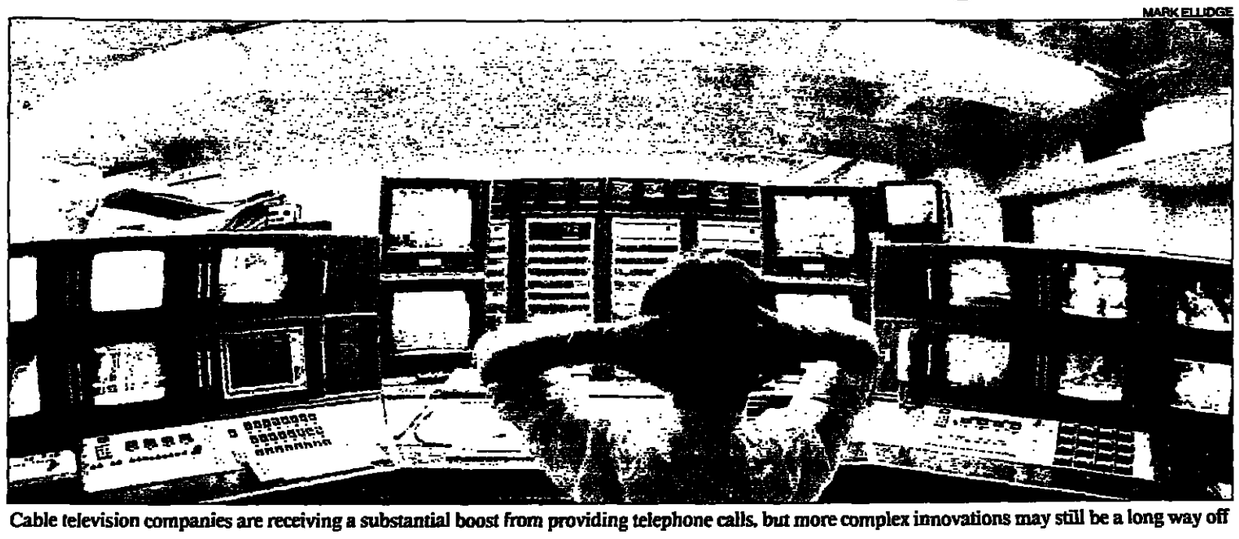


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INFOTECH

The future is not here yet

Talk of electronic superhighways may make more sense in the 21st century, says Matthew May


MARK ELLIDGE

Cable television companies are receiving a substantial boost from providing telephone calls, but more complex innovations may still be a long way off

It is highway mania time at the moment. Whether talking about a digital highway, information highway or electronic superhighway, the possibilities of providing high capacity information links into every home, or even pocket, are mind boggling.

These can include virtually limitless channels of television entertainment or the ability to call up any film or video you want. They could also allow people to play interactive multimedia games; access and search huge databases of computerised information; shop from electronic supermarkets; and use electronic mail instead of the postal service.

The idea of electronic superhighways has clearly caught the imagination. Just as developed countries have needed to establish a network of motorways over the past few decades, it is argued that the 1990s demand a similar infrastructure of electronic highways.

In America the concept has received presidential support, while industry analysts are said to be excited by the giant mergers and alliances there that indicate a potential convergence of the telecommunications, entertainment and computer sectors as they prepare for these mass-market conduits of video, data and voice communications.

But even some of the most enthusiastic companies in America admit that they are still looking for a so-called "killer application" that will prove irresistible to customers. Some observers point out that the fear of being left out of a possible communications revolution is as much a motivator as a clear understanding of what and whether new electronic services will take off.

What that winning application may be depends on the industry you talk to. Nearest to fruition is probably the expansion of television channels, which will include the ability to provide a huge selection of films — the most popular being shown on several channels at staggered starting times. Part of the telecommunications industry is convinced that the wireless transmission of superhighway services will eventually prove irresistible. Scott McNealey, chairman of the computer company Sun Microsystems, believes that electronic mail will be the key as it offers the potential to replace the US Postal Service.

The true concept of the electronic superhighway is not the provision of one successful service but the availability of a wide selection and that must be many years away.

So far, services for computerised information, electronic shopping and electronic mail that have been aimed at the mass market have had little success, with the exception of the French Minitel system.

Pricing of any new services will be crucial. A world where anyone at home can browse though huge computerised databases to obtain information on any topic may be useful, or even fun, but not if it costs £1 a minute. In America, the sceptics say, people have so far proved willing to pay extra only for blockbuster films or world championship sporting events.

In Britain, the interest of big American telecommunications companies in the cable industry is being described as an investment in what will be the communications systems of the next century. "Cable is more than just TV, more than just telephony. It's a high-tech fibre-optic network and information superhighway," the Cable Television Association says.

Not yet, however. The present interest in the cable industry has been spurred not by the possibilities of transmitting computer information or the other high-tech uses of a superhighway but by one thing — telephone calls over cable. The fact that these can be 15 per cent cheaper than over traditional telephone lines is causing seven out of ten cable television subscribers to sign up for cable telephone, given the option.

Though cable presently provides only about 200,000 residential and business telephone lines, it is predicted to rise to three or four million by the end of the decade. Quite soon some cable operators will receive more revenue from telephone calls than from the transmission of television pictures.

For the moment, perhaps we should just be thankful that telephone calls are going to be cheaper.

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Once in a while, a software or hardware designer has an idea that solves a problem you did not know you had. Such products are rare, but increasing competition and a cut-throat market are becoming the mothers of invention.

Take the case of two American products designed to encourage more people to turn off their PCs when not in use. Users often leave their PCs on when they are not being used — so work is less likely to be lost and it can be picked up where the user left off.

Products you did not know you needed

While PCs do not use up as much electricity as something with lots of moving parts, they do use up an appreciable amount — particularly when hundreds are left on all day in large corporations.

For this reason, hardware manufacturers have been falling over one another to design "green" PCs that use less electricity and turn parts of themselves off when not in use.

Such systems are not yet widely available, are still quite expensive and are not much help unless you want to replace your system. Hence the advent of two hardware and software add-on products.

The first is Quick Restart, from California-based Power Pro Software. It allows you to "save" an image of your work to the computer's disc and then switch off the machine. When you switch on again, the software uses the image to start up again exactly where you left off.

Quick Restart also reloads the data files you were working with when you switched off — even if you had not saved them. This software will only work, however, if you give it the command to save an image of your work before you switch off.

The second "green" product comes in Server Technology's Remote Power On/Off. This lets an owner use a computer modem or fax machine to switch his or hercomputer on and off remotely so that it can receive faxes or allow users access to files remotely without having to leave the PC switched on when it is not being used.

It sells in America for about £130 and the company plans shortly to have a British version on sale.

GEOF WHEELWRIGHT

Microsoft goes Arabic

MICROSOFT, the American computer software giant, says that sales of software in the Middle East are likely to expand by up to 400 per cent over the next three years.

Charles Allen, Microsoft's Middle East general manager, said he expected more people in the Gulf states — the company's main market in the region — to buy legitimate Microsoft software instead of using pirated copies. Mr Allen said that Microsoft, which has agreements with firms in the Middle East to develop Arabic software locally, would continue to prepare and package its products in America because it was cheaper.

Profits slip

JAPANESE consumer electronic companies, including Matsushita, the world's biggest consumer electronics maker, and Sharp, have announced lower half-year earnings, saying that sales of electronics products have slumped more than they expected.

Lee Kerk Phua, an electronics analyst in Tokyo for Baring Securities, said: "Electronics companies need to develop something that will change human lifestyles in the way that radios, televisions and video recorders did."

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APPLE in America has announced the Macintosh TV, which combines a personal computer, television and CD-rom stereo system. It includes a 14 in colour television and costs £1,400.

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Game plan

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All together

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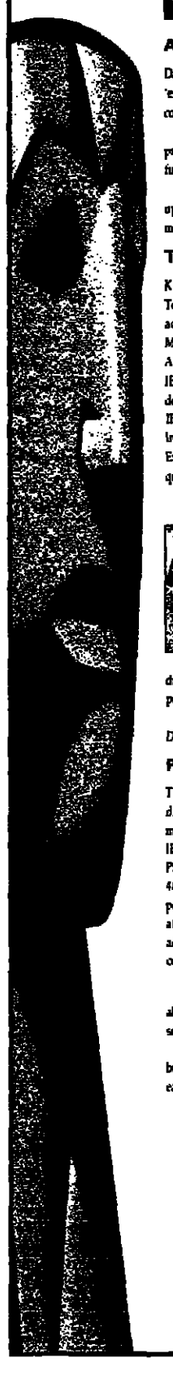
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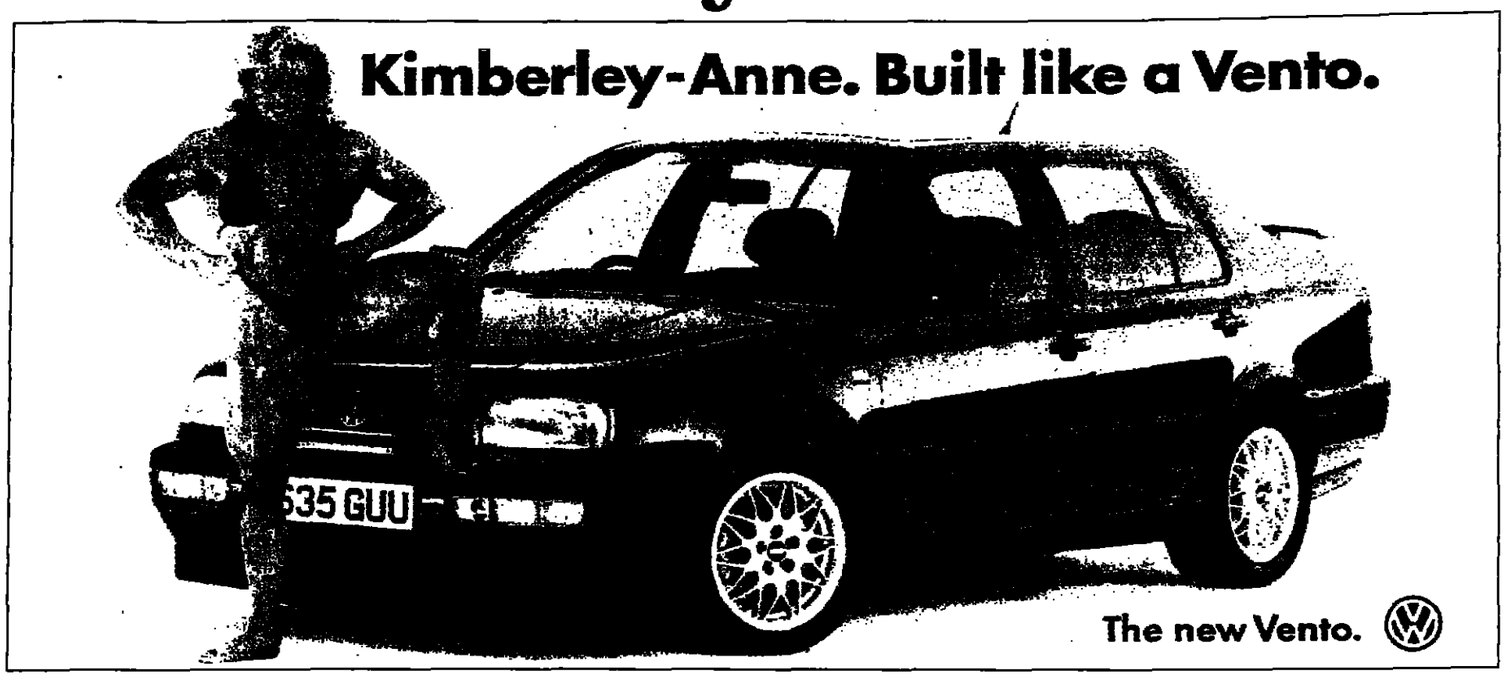
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MOTORING

Why does a BMW have style in abundance and the much-advertised Vento have none? **Kevin Eason** reports

What Kimberley-Anne hasn't got



Jaguar has always had it without really trying. Mercedes has the substance but is too dour to have any. Volkswagen used to have it but its quota has petered out via cars dull enough to be a motoring equivalent of a cup of Horlicks.

Rover has rediscovered it, while Ford had loads but lost the formula. Fiat thinks it has it but is deluded. Skoda would like some and Lada may as well forget it for the time being.

The it factor is indefinable, elusive and inexplicable. The closest description is style. Cars that have it turn into legends, the ones without are best as scrap. To borrow lyrics from Sammy Cahn: "You've either got, or you haven't got, style."

Some cars become the anoraks and woolly hats of their generation. There is nothing that can save them, even when backed by a multi-million pound advertising campaign. Just look at VW's latest advertising campaign for the lacklustre Vento range. Put it another way, do not look if you are of a weak disposition. The car may be dull, though it is at least worthy. But if Kimberley-Anne's muscles are supposed to make us fall for the charms of the Vento, then someone wrote the wrong script.

A straw poll revealed that everyone could remember the rippling biceps, as big as the Vento's bumpers, and even Kimberley-Anne's cutely hyphenated name — nobody could remember the car.

One colleague said: "I would not want to be seen driving one of those." What could he have meant? My reaction was simply to rush to the fridge for a steak and pint of milk to try to build myself up for a test drive. Poor Kimberley-Anne, a sweet girl no doubt, but a distraction when advertising a car.

The reverse has been true for cars that sell on their image: like Renault's 19 range. To be fair, the Renault 19 range is not bad, not terrific, no earth-shattering performer, not a car which will be regarded as a benchmark for the motoring 1990s. But Renault should worry, with its market share in Britain up to 5 per cent and showrooms bulging with interested customers.

The French company's advertising has been so clever it has attracted a new audience. The theme of its television advertising featuring the young priest tempted by the 19 is as witty as it is colourful.

Test the success for yourself and try spotting how many dark blue Renault 19s, like the one in the television ads, there are on the roads. The answer is lots.

Then there are cars which are as much substance as style, such as the Saab 900 range, which promises to be one of the hits of 1993. An attractive package, attractively undersold.

But there is one marque which stands out from the crowd: the cars are superb, the image classy and the advertising as clever as it is undemonstrative.

BMW has in the past ten years carved out an enviable niche among the motor manufacturers. And its new 3-series is the standard for all manufacturers of small saloons and coupés which want a market which spans both company car and private buyers. After test-driving the second generation 3-series cars, it is difficult to fault a model so well produced and so faultlessly advertised.

The latest television campaign features a four-door 3-series balanced delicately on the windscreen



Contrasts — Kimberley-Anne's Vento (top) is worthy but lacklustre, the BMW (above) is totally stylish

of the new convertible. Trick photography? Not a bit of it. All 2,600lb of 3-series was lifted carefully on to the windscreen, demonstrating its remarkable strength.

In fact, the convertible is a triumph of design and driver appeal. Once the top is down, the car suffers a little from "the shakes" over rough terrain, with the body seemingly not quite stiff enough to withstand the bumps. After that, the smooth-as-silk six-cylinder engine takes over and the car is a joy to drive.

BMW has also taken care of the driver nervous of exposing him or herself to the elements, particularly in an accident, not only with standard driver airbag and that stiff windscreen but also with automatic pop-up roll bars behind the back seat which shoot up on heavy impact.

Motoring on that sort of grand scale is an exclusive luxury for the few at £28,000 for the 325i convertible with manual gearbox and £29,100 for the automatic version. No need to spend so much, however. BMW has been working hard to ensure that the difference between the top and bottom of its ranges is not too great.

Extensive engine improvements mean that even the entry model 316i is now capable of hustling along with the best. BMW claims that it has 6 per cent better fuel consumption than earlier models, at 38.2 miles to the gallon on average, 3 per cent better acceleration to 62mph (100kph) and 2 per cent better power output, at 102 brake horse power. The result is a car at less than £15,000 which punches above its weight with the best of them.

The driving position is comfortable, gear change instant and all controls within easy reach. Handling is sure-footed and relaxed, making the car easy to drive even for the most cack-handed motorist.

If that sounds like an over-enthusiastic tribute to one car, it comes from a driver who has to sit at the wheel of dozens of instantly forgettable models every year. And one who is negotiating with his wife over what car to buy in 1994. I have not discovered a model to persuade me away from a 3-series. The series has good security features (immobiliser and deadlocks), good safety features (driver's airbag, side impact bars), plenty of standard features (anti-lock brakes, power steering, six-speaker stereo) ... as well as being a joy to drive.

Tom Purves, BMW (GB) managing director, says the company has been trying to counter growing competition from British competitors such as Rover's 600 models and the Japanese with a better value-for-money package — something that had to come from the Germans, who are not renowned for fitting the little luxuries as standard features.

"Drivers expect a lot for their money now," he says. "It is not enough for the car to be well engineered or good to drive. It has to have all those extra features."

So the BMW 3-series is well made and value for money as well. Better than that, it has style. Just look at the car — its smooth, sleek shape is as distinctive as anything on the road.

The first time I saw a 3-series was in a car park in the United States. There was a dark blue one tucked in among the massive Oldsmobiles and Lincolns and it was so well designed it looked alien surrounded by lumpy American sedans.

BMW's 3-series is an outstanding range, from the standard 316i all the way to the glamorous convertible. Now if I can just persuade Mrs Eason to write that cheque ...

HOW DO THEY RUN?

BMW 316i.
Price: £14,795.
Engine: four-cylinder, eight valve 1.6-litre for 102bhp through five-speed manual transmission.
Performance: top speed 121mph; 0-62mph in 14.2sec; average fuel consumption 38.2mpg.

BMW 325i Convertible.
Price: £28,000 (manual).
Engine: 2.5-litre, six-cylinder developing 192bhp through five-speed manual gearbox.
Performance: top speed 142mph; 0-60mph in 8.6sec; average fuel consumption 31mpg.

The deep peace of a Lexus

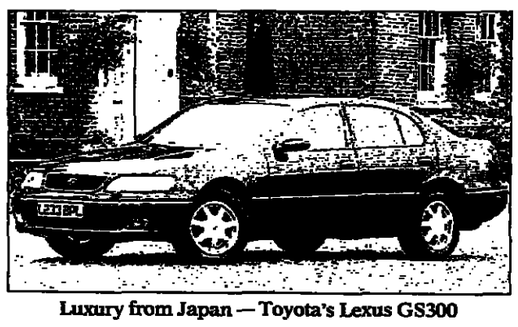
Challenge to Europe's top models

Only four years after its launch, Toyota's luxury Lexus LS400 is challenging Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz and BMW, and the challenge is now strengthened with the launch of a smaller, cheaper Lexus, the GS300, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

Behind the GS300 is a reputation for reliability and smooth performance created by the LS400, which this year is once again top of the American J.D. Power survey on customer satisfaction, showing the car to have fewer problems than any of its rivals.

The GS300 is an opulent car, lined with leather and smatterings of dark, highly-polished wood, and crammed with devices such as air conditioning, anti-lock braking, climate control, 12-disc automatic CD player, cruise control, dual airbags and electric everything.

Giorgetto Guigiaro, the car designer, and his Turin-based ItalDesign studio shaped the car, giving it a fluid and aerodynamic look. Whether, once the Lexus badges had been removed, the casual observer could tell it from any other large modern car, is a moot point.



Luxury from Japan — Toyota's Lexus GS300

Leg room for driver and front passenger is ample, and the electrically-controlled steering wheel moves every which way, as do the electric seats (with in-built heater). Surprisingly, front headroom for occupants over 6ft 4in tall, is hampered by the sunroof.

The engine is so silent only the rev counter reassures that you have not forgotten to turn on the engine. Progress is very smooth, thanks to the advanced automatic gearbox which matches the moment of gear-change perfectly to the engine revs. Corrugated road surfaces, though, brought unexpected road noise and sharp bends with poor surfaces caused a front wheel to skip.

The GS300 is at its best on motorways, wafting along as fast as the limit will allow. Here it is smooth, effortless, and ideal transport for Lexus drivers who are known to do higher mileages than drivers of other makes. The GS300 is eminently efficient, a sort of Holiday Inn on wheels, which does absolutely everthing you ask of it, and does it immediately, politely and comfortably. Like most Holiday Inns though, it is a little lacking in personality.

Such quibbles will hardly bother Toyota. Since the LS400 was launched in Britain in 1990, sales have gone from 583 to 695 for 1992, and close to 1,000 for the first nine months of 1993. Toyota expects sales of the two models to jump to around 2,200 next year, which might seem to conflict with trends towards smaller, often diesel-engined, "greener" cars.

Lexus GS300.

Engine — three-litre, in-line six-cylinder petrol giving 209bhp at 5800rpm, through four-speed automatic gearbox.

Performance — top speed 143mph, 0-60mph in 8.6 seconds.

Economy — 36.2mpg at 56mph, 29.7mpg at 75mph, and 20.2mpg in town.

Price — £31,950.

ROADWISE

Owning up to the facts

NOT a lot of people know this, but according to the latest survey on car ownership from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, there is a car for every 2.4 people in Britain — 23.6 million in total. The survey reveals that the top European Community car owners are the Italians, with one car for every 1.9 people, while Greece is bottom of the list with only one for every 5.9.

☐ DAIMLER-Benz could shortly be listed on the Shanghai stock exchange as the company negotiates to build cars and trucks in China. That will pave the way for a joint venture which could mean the building of a plant capable of making 80,000 to 100,000 Mercedes cars a year.

Mercedes, the car division of Germany's most powerful industrial conglomerate, has already announced it is to build a car plant in America, probably to manufacture sports models for the US market.

☐ IF YOU think the pollution in Britain is bad, the Greeks are suffering much more. Athens recently banned cars from its centre after pollution put about 1,000 people in hospital. For the brief duration of the emergency, only taxis with even-numbered licence plates were allowed to work.

☐ FIAT's tiny Cinquecento was judged the most ecological vehicle on sale in Switzerland by the Swiss Traffic Association. The judges took into account fuel consumption, exhaust emissions, noise and cost per mile. The Cinquecento beat Daihatsu's Charade and the Suzuki Swift.

☐ FORD IS claiming an altitude-towing record for one of its Maverick 4x4 vehicles which towed a Europa caravan on a road two miles high in the French Alps. The Maverick GLX negotiated twists and turns 9,193ft up Col de la Bonette with the one-tonne Europa safely behind.



Crash! Here comes an executive again

Overstressed bosses lead the league tables for accidents

Overworked and stressed executives are the most accident-prone drivers on British roads, *Kevin Eason writes.*

They lose concentration, and forget the size of their luxury cars, clipping kerbs and signposts, or simply ploughing into the vehicle in front as tiredness overwhelms them.

When they have an accident, repairs cost twice as much as those for other employees because executives drive expensive limousines. The findings come from Fleet Management Services (FMS), one of Britain's leading providers of company cars. FMS checked insurance claims over the past two years for the 14,000 company cars on its books and discovered that the managing director's Jaguar is more likely to have been in a prang than any other car on the fleet.

On average, senior directors and managers have an accident every 9,500 business miles compared with an average of one every 12,000 business miles for sales representatives.

Office-bound staff who have a company car are even less likely to have an crash, according to FMS, with an accident only every 15,000 miles. Their bumps and knocks are rarely serious, usually inflicted at low speed in town on the way to or from the office.

Sales representatives, supposed to be the bulls in the motoring china shop, are all or nothing: either the accident is a minor scrape or the car is written off. Surprisingly that "either-or" approach keeps average repair bills down to about £445.

The problem with directors' cars is that it takes only a small bang on the side of a Mercedes or Jaguar to have the local garage mechanic sucking his teeth and shaking his head while totting up a bill big enough to guarantee everyone on the staff a two-week continental holiday. The result is that the average repair cost for cars in the director category is £914 per car, twice as much as for the "rep's motor". Most of the damage is caused because directors and managers work long hours and suffer from above-average stress. Instead of calculating the extra width of their limousines, they take short cuts and scrape the paint, fall asleep and have a collision or are so distracted that they make elementary mistakes.

Derick Perkins, FMS director of maintenance control, says: "There is no question that it is lack of concentration or judgment, caused most probably by stress or tiredness, which leads to most accidents involving company directors.

"The accidents tend to involve a collision with the back of the vehicle in front, with street furniture or a stationary vehicle. Another factor is the size of executive cars when overtaking.

"As you might expect, sales executives and engineers, who drive far and fast, have more than their fair share of bumps and scrapes, which are often not their own fault. But when they do have an accident for which they bear some responsibility, the car is often written off."

KEVIN EASON

Looking for a steady, reliable car?

A survey has asked fleet managers which vehicle they would choose

THE BEST method of discovering the most reliable cars on the road is to ask the drivers who use them day-in and day-out over tens of thousands of miles a year. Company cars are the workhorses of the Tarmac, subjected to the sort of mileage and punishment that no private driver would even dream of putting his or her pride and joy through, *Kevin Eason writes.*

The survey of company car schemes carried out by Tolley this year gives a detailed look at the buying patterns of Britain's fleet buyers — and the cars they are most prepared to put their faith in.

Tolley asked companies to list the most reliable and the least reliable makes and discovered a clear winner.

Vauxhall outguns all of its rivals ... and by a clear margin, most impressing managers of most fleets.

Tolley rates cars by category with Vauxhall ranking alongside Mercedes-Benz in the top band for reliability. BMW, Volvo and Volkswagen make up the next group.

Ford appears in the mid-range category three, alongside marques such as Nissan and Audi, while Rover is one band down with Fiat. Lancia is sadly all alone in the bottom category six.

However, the big test came when fleet managers were asked which make they would pick if they were confined to just one range. They were free to choose anything from Ferraris to Rolls-Royces if they wanted to.

The reality was more down to earth, Tolley says, and Vauxhall was the leading choice. Forty per cent of fleet managers chose the Vauxhall range, with Ford second and Rover third.

More than 430 companies took part in the survey, making it one of the weightiest tests available to motor manufacturers anxious to discover satisfaction among fleet customers who buy half of all the new cars in the UK.

The reaction to Vauxhall is underlined by the fact that there are now more Vauxhalls in the fleet than Fords — 80 per cent of fleets have Vauxhalls compared with 77 per cent with Fords.

THERE SEEMS little doubt that much of that has to do with the fact that Ford was sliding its old Sierra model off the scene when this survey was carried out. The replacement, the Mondeo, was launched in March. The success of the Mondeo should make a big impact on the 1994 Tolley tables.

Jaguar might also argue with the reliability tables, citing a big increase in quality, productivity and reliability levels since the Tolley tables were put together.

Meanwhile, 23 per cent of all sales representatives now drive a Vauxhall Cavalier, with Astras next in line in the Tolley survey. The Sierra comes next, followed by the Escort/Orion range and Peugeot 405. Among directors, the traditional popularity of the Jaguar is being challenged by models such as the Rover 800, Ford Granada and BMW 5-series.

Test results: (most reliable, category 1; least reliable, category 6). 1: Vauxhall, Mercedes: 2: BMW, Volvo, Volkswagen: 3: Nissan, Saab, Audi, Ford, Honda; 4: Rover, Fiat; 5: Alfa Romeo, Peugeot, Citroën, Jaguar, Land/Range Rover, Renault; 6: Lancia.

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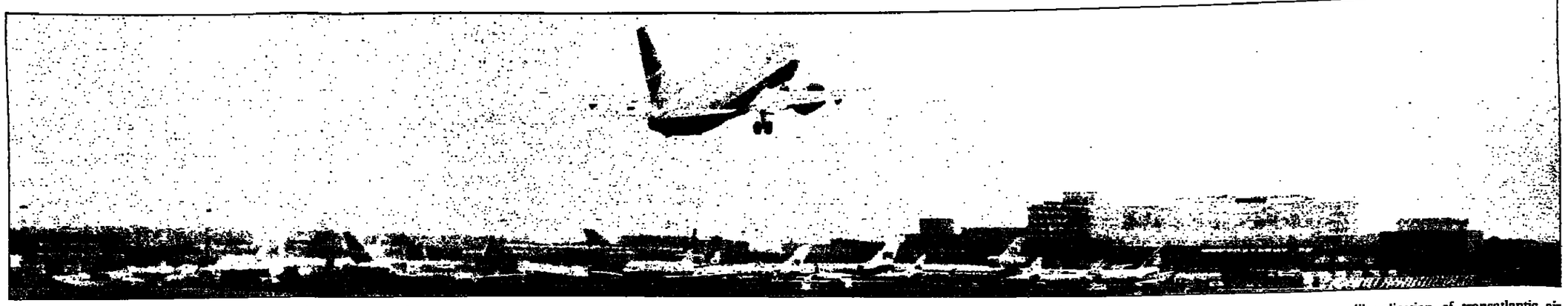
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Gatwick, Britain's second largest airport, is spending £43 million to improve its image and win more customers, **Harvey Elliott** reports

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Flightpath to a sound future

Nothing is more calculated to make the collective blood of Gatwick's senior management boil than the sight of hundreds of cars fighting their way up the M23 and around the M25 on their way to catch a scheduled flight from Heathrow.

From Reigate, from Guildford, from Haywards Heath and even from Brighton they stream, adding many miles of unnecessary travel to their working day, certain in their conviction that Gatwick is only a "bucket and spade" airport.

Yet Gatwick has many more scheduled flights than charter — 60 per cent of the take-offs and landings are made by scheduled services. The deeply ingrained image of Gatwick as purely a holiday airport, however, means that 80 per cent of the passengers — even those on scheduled services — are taking a leisure-based trip rather than making a business flight. This is a marked improvement on the numbers of only a few years ago, but it is still the main reason why Gatwick is struggling to fulfil its true potential.

As airlines compete to fill their spare seats, they offer lower and lower economy-class prices. This means, in the end, that business and first-class passengers effectively subsidise those at the back of the aircraft. It is a strategy that can work for a scheduled carrier when the front end of the aircraft has its fair share of those who need instant access to business destinations. But it has been the ruin of so many airlines which, over the years, have struggled to persuade business passengers to fly from Gatwick.

British Caledonian, Laker, Air Europe and, more recently, Dan-Air all found it an impossible task and disappeared. To a large extent, however, they were fighting a lone battle with BAA, the airport's owner, which remained aloof from their commercial feuds. Now Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) is fighting as hard as the airlines, not only to improve services to passengers, but to go out into the marketplace and persuade business travellers to use their "local" airport.

It is a strange position for GAL to be in. Together with Heathrow and Stansted, it is part of the hugely successful conglomerate BAA. Stansted, especially, is losing money and needs to fill the gaping holes in its capacity as quickly as possible. If Gatwick is successful, it will take business away from the Essex airport — and from the "big brother" Heathrow. So one part of BAA is fighting another for custom.

Many critics of the privatisation of the old British Airports Authority argued that the three big London airports should not have been handed over to one company.

Yet the tight control which the original private company exerted on its three parts has now been eased and, through BAA under its chief executive Sir John Egan, Gatwick has been encouraged to stand alone and fight — if necessary against its partners.

The effect has been dramatic. Not only have passenger services improved and relationships with "customer" airlines been revolutionised, but large amounts of cash have been freed from the BAA coffers to be pumped into a "hearts and minds" campaign to change the airport's image with potential business passengers.

The first task was to halt the slide in total passenger numbers — down by 1.3 million last year from the 1989 peak of 21.2 million a year. This involved looking after the airlines which seemed determined to move out as quickly as possible to Heathrow.

In this GAL has been given little help by the government which opened up Heathrow to all-comers, provided they could find take-off slots. As a result, airlines such as Japan's ANA, Cathay, Emirates and others switched their allegiance. Much now depends on negotiations going on between Britain and America over further liberalisation of transatlantic air services. If Heathrow is opened up still further to the giant American airlines, Gatwick could suffer further.

To combat this, Gatwick has introduced a range of novel schemes and improvements. Most notable, perhaps, has been the development of Fast Track, the airport's red carpet route for first and business-class passengers which provides priority treatment for departing passengers with dedicated security and passport control channels, duty free and bureaux de change tills.

The scheme appears to be working well, with an increase of more than 100,000 business passengers using Gatwick in the first three months of this year compared with the last quarter of 1992.

Gatwick is spending £30 million on improving the 35-year-old south terminal with double the number of seats, greater choice of places to eat, more shops, children's play areas, showers, more space for check-in and a large new balcony floor with views over the airfield.

A £12-million scheme to reshape the international departure lounge at north terminal is under way and a further £1 million is being invested this autumn to push the airport's business attractions. The promotions will include a series of joint international roadshows with airlines, poster, radio and press advertising, a direct mail campaign and an education programme for business travel agents.

Videos showing the ease of access to the airport, especially by rail from Victoria or London Bridge will also be widely shown — yet another determined attempt to change once and for all Gatwick's out-dated image.



Allan Munds: optimistic

On schedule for rapid recovery

There are two types of airline on which Gatwick airport is staking its hopes and aspirations. They are, says Allan Munds, the managing director, the airlines already operating from the airport, and the new customer airlines that the management aims to attract to the airport. In particular, the airport wants to see more business travellers.

Gatwick has lost two big British customer airlines with the collapse of Air Europe and Dan-Air. A change in previous "traffic distribution rules", which allowed the opening up of Heathrow airport, lost Gatwick further customers. Several airlines which had previously been restricted to Gatwick for their London services chose to transfer some or all of their London operations to Heathrow.

Until the Gulf war, Gatwick was right behind Heathrow, in second place among the world's busiest international airports. Although Mr Munds admits to disappointment that Gatwick's place in the world league has slipped to fifth, he is optimistic about future growth. "The real question is: 'Is Gatwick a successful airport?' And the answer is yes."

Its profit for the year to 1993 was £37.9 million, after the previous year's profit had slipped to £37 million. Profit for 1989-90, before the Gulf war and the recession, peaked at £58.6 million. "Gatwick is very successful, and it will grow again," Mr Munds says.

"In the case of Gatwick, our main thrust now is to try to encourage more of the business community to use the scheduled services here, which will help the airlines that are here to improve their yield, and make those services more profitable."

Mr Munds also wants to see a growth in the charter traffic at Gatwick. "The charter operators felt they were under pressure before the Gulf war and the present recession. They felt they were being squeezed out of Gatwick," he says.

"But they have capacity here to operate. They are very successful, operate large quiet aircraft, make good use of the runway, and I think there is scope for the charter business to grow here."

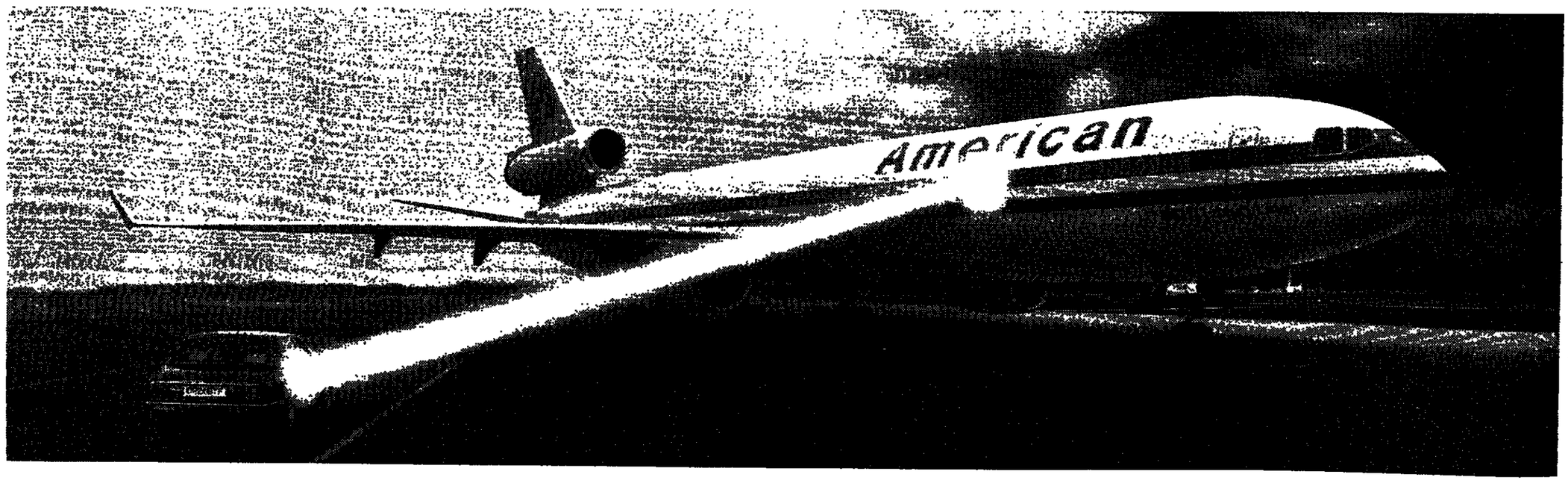
Making good use of Gatwick's single runway is something which the airport does extremely well. Along with Hong Kong, it shares leadership as the world's busiest single-runway international airport.

The growth of British Airways' presence since completion of Gatwick's second terminal — the £200-million north terminal development opened in 1988 — is significant in the future of the airport, Mr Munds says.

"On the scheduled side, I would like to see British Airways make a success of the building up of their hub here. And then we would like to help the other scheduled airlines to move into profit by generating more regular traffic through the airport."

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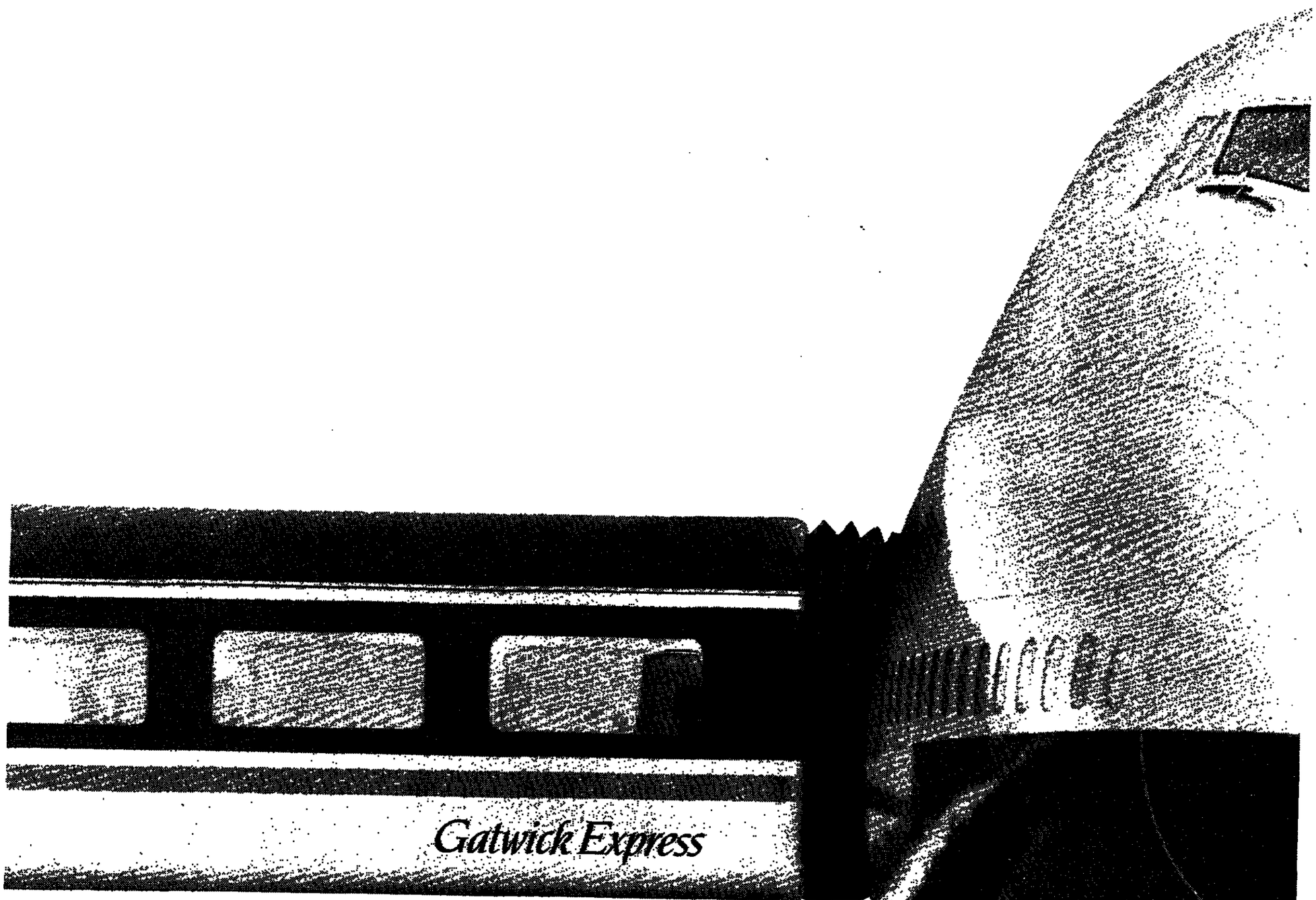
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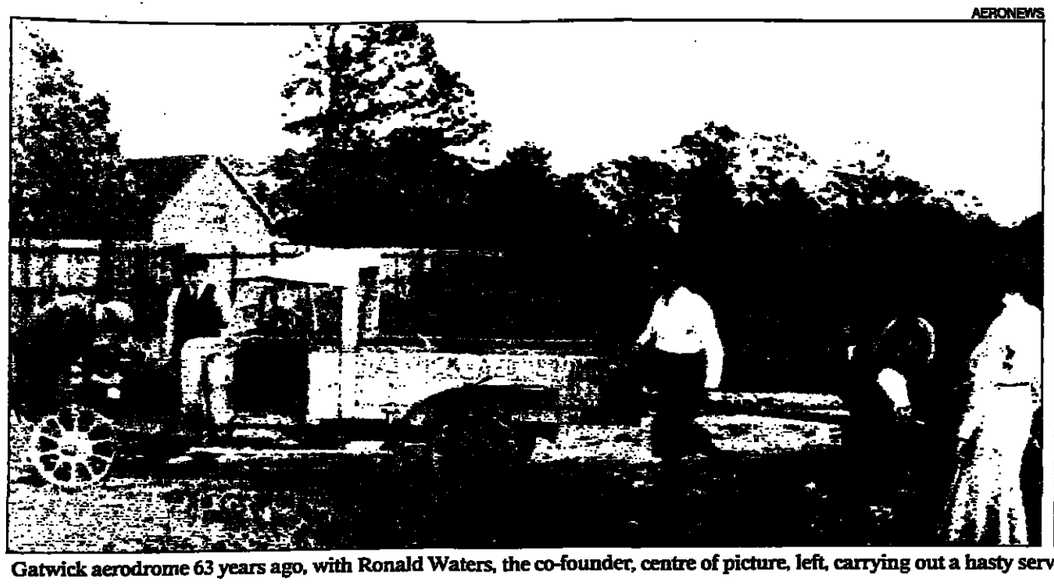
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Gatwick aerodrome 63 years ago, with Ronald Waters, the co-founder, centre of picture, left, carrying out a hasty service on a truck and plough during a clearing operation. It was a world away from today's international airport, right

Frank Robson on Gatwick's history, from ploughed fields to London's second airport

Some impressive hurdles have been cleared at Gatwick since Lester Piggott's grandfather, Ernie, rode Poethlyn to victory in the 1918 wartime Grand National there.

Shortly afterwards, taking advantage of the big advances that had been made in aviation during the first world war, two young pioneers teamed up to take the first steps in transforming the Sussex race course into a leading international airport.

The enthusiasm and drive of John Mockford and Ronald Waters were to pave the way for a string of Gatwick firsts — including the first airport to have a circular terminal building, and the first airport to have a dedicated rail link.

When Waters — who had set up in business at Penshurst aerodrome, Kent, in the late 1920s — learnt that some fields were for sale at Cotland Farm, between Gatwick race course and the nearby village of Lowfield Heath, he persuaded his father to help him and his business partner buy the site. They set about backing the belief that their purchase of about 90 acres (compared with the 1,876 acres of the present Gatwick airport) would make a good aerodrome.

Foremost in the minds of the Waters-Mockford partnership, Home Counties Aircraft Services, was the belief that Gatwick would be ideal as a diversionary airfield for planes from the Continent when bad weather prevented them landing at Croydon, Britain's first dedicated international airport.

After the two had paid a fee of one guinea, the air ministry issued them with the first aerodrome licence for Gatwick, applicable from August 1, 1930.

Although the site had been used for some years as a landing ground for light aircraft, the licence marked the effective commercial beginning for Gatwick as an airport. Or as the ministry phrased it, "as a regular place of landing or departure by aircraft carrying passengers for hire or reward".

The duration of the first licence was just six months — but it was enough to steer Gatwick towards its present importance. The ministry ruled, however, that only light planes of the Avro 504 type could be used until the site was further cleared of hedges, and ditches were levelled.

Gradually, the obstructions were removed as Gatwick started to earn revenue from aircraft. August bank holiday joyrides cost from five shillings (25p), and stunt-flying cost from one guinea (£1.05). Other Gatwick activities included providing aerial taxi trips within Britain. Although passenger planes unable to land at Croydon often switched to Gatwick, the aerodrome was not then licensed for such arrivals. But what else could it do but receive them? And one of the emergency-landing users, Imperial Airways, the state-sponsored British airline, paid out landing fees that were very welcome to the young company.

A combination of economic depression and the effects of stormy weather finally took its toll on the vision that Waters and Mockford had for Gatwick. Water from the River Mole and other streams aggravated several problems, not least the mud on the runways. In May 1932, the pair eventually sold out to Redwing Aircraft Company, a light-plane manufacturer. Waters stayed in aviation; Mockford went overseas.

Redwing opened up with a big flying display and a band on July 1, 1932. The new management continued making improvements at Gatwick that the previous owners had failed to complete to the air ministry's satisfaction.

But Redwing did not persevere, and in September 1933 Alfred Jackaman bought the aerodrome for £13,500. Its present gross replacement value is £1.1 billion.

Jackaman, aged 29 and a director of his family's civil engineering business, had dreamt of having his own airline since he learnt to fly six years earlier. Instead, he started running a great airport. He founded the Horley Syndicate — later renamed Airports Limited. It was responsible for most that happened at Gatwick up to the 1950s.

In 1934, the ministry awarded Gatwick a public licence, allowing its use by commercial aircraft. And by 1936 the "beehive" circular terminal designed by Jackaman was completed. The terminal, with its own direct link to the railway station, is to the left of the south terminal building, and now used as offices.

By 1935, Gatwick was slightly bigger than Croydon and, with a ministry subsidy, the airport stayed open 24 hours a day. New airlines moved in, among them Allied British Airways, which soon became the first British Airways.

Marcel Desoutter, who became a director of Airports Limited in 1934, was to become a leading architect of Gatwick's development. But on the outbreak of the second world war, Gatwick was taken over by the RAF. Desoutter, determined that Gatwick should resume its role as a major airport for London, commissioned a new study on development before the war ended.

But it was not until July 1952, three months after Desoutter's death, that the government announced that it had accepted the need for Gatwick to develop towards the international airport, catering for 20 million passengers a year, that it is today.

The fast track to growth

Arthur Reed on Gatwick's impressive portfolio of airlines



A passenger's suitcase goes through the Fast Track baggage check system at Gatwick, speeding up departure

Gatwick's mix of package holiday-makers setting off in leisurely fashion on cheap charters to the sun or snow, and executives intent on catching scheduled flights with the shortest possible check-in time, gives those who run the airport one of their biggest problems.

BAA's management has had its successes in this area over the years, as the statistics show: in 1987-8, the airport handled 9.7 million scheduled and 11.2 million non-scheduled passengers; by 1992-3 the figures had been reversed, to 11.7 million and 8.7 million respectively.

However, nobody will know how many briefcased flyers have been put off using Gatwick by visions of having to push their way through crowds of tourists.

Although not as strong as in the past, the image of Gatwick as predominantly a holiday airport is hard to five down. Heathrow, despite its overcrowding and its comparative difficulty of access, remains the most important hub in the aviation world, and the place to which ten airlines, including Cathay Pacific, Virgin Atlantic, Korean Air and All Nippon switched some or all of their flights when the government relaxed the traffic distribution rules at the beginning of last year.

But Gatwick still boasts a portfolio of the industry's biggest names, among them British Airways, Air France, American, Cathay, Continental, Delta, KLM, Lufthansa, TWA, USAir and Virgin.

The Gatwick management has done much to help the scheduled airline traveller, introducing Fast Track, a red carpet route for first-class and business-class passengers which bypasses the charter queues; more executive lounges have been opened; and bars and restaurants, shopping malls and departure areas have all been revamped.

In spite of the airline migration to Heathrow, the choice of scheduled destinations from Gatwick for the business person demanding flight frequency is impressive — about a dozen flights a day to Paris, for instance, and more destinations in the United States than any other airport in Britain. The airport offers services by 43 scheduled airlines to 115 places in 50 countries. When the charter services are included, the total rises to 161 airlines to about 250 destinations.

The biggest operator at Gatwick, having taken over in recent years British Caledonian, Dan-Air, and the French airline TAT, is British Airways, which is developing an interchange hub in the newer north terminal. There are a further 18 airlines serving long-haul destinations.

Several of the charter companies at Gatwick have used the airport as a base since package holidays took off in a big way 30 years ago. While they still fly holidaymakers to the traditional package destinations — the Canaries, Palma, Ibiza and Greece — more distant places have recently been added to their timetables. Britannia Airways takes tourists to Australia and New Zealand, to Florida and the Caribbean, to the Gambia and Egypt; while Air 2000 serves Montego Bay and Mombasa.

> 'From the time it lands, most freight is out of the door within four hours'

Like many other European airports, in the wake of the Gulf war and business recession, Gatwick has seen its air freight throughput decline in recent years from the high of 227,000 tonnes handled in 1990. The London Gatwick World Cargo Centre now shifts about 200,000 tonnes annually, and this year there have been encouraging signs of an increase.

About 92 per cent of all the air freight which passes through Gatwick flies in the underfloor holds of passenger airliners, although the cargo centre has three of its eight aircraft stands adapted for nose-loading Boeing 747 freighters. Three of the other stands are big enough to accept wide-bodied aircraft.

There are 11 bonded transit sheds with 200,000 sq ft of warehouse space and, to the west of the cargo centre, a large area of land has been earmarked for future development, although this project will be started only if there is a big increase in freight throughput.

The Gatwick cargo operation is integrated with a computerised system which keeps close track of all freight movements, and which is linked with the other BAA London airports. A more advanced system, CCS UK, is to be introduced on February 1. This will give freight agents the ability to check whether there is room on flights, book space and track consignments. It will also warn airlines of consignments for export, and should speed up processes through the cargo centre.

Simon Edwards, the BAA cargo manager at Gatwick, says: "Although we have lost a number of airlines to Heathrow, we have also gained a number of new ones and, in fact, we now have more carriers than in the past.

"The tonnages of air freight which they produce are holding steady, and we expect the figures to rise in the next two or three years as the recession goes away.

"The airlines see our speed of throughput as a major benefit — from the time that it lands here, most air freight is out of the door within four hours."

BA flies to victory in the face of failure

After a bad start, the airline heads for a profit

One year after it took over fast-fading Dan-Air, British Airways could be on the brink of doing what successive British airlines have failed to do — make a profit by flying short-haul scheduled services from Gatwick airport.

Laker, British Caledonian, British Island, Air Europe, Dan-Air and others all operated out of Gatwick and all failed. For a few anxious months, British Airways too seemed to be facing an impossible task. Damaging strikes were the result of feared pay cuts and in the last financial year the airline ran up losses at Gatwick of £50 million.

At the same time, it appeared that other airlines were fleeing from Gatwick as fast as they could. Cathay, Emirates and Air France were the latest in a long line rushing to take on British Airways at its traditional home "hub" of Heathrow, where, they argued, businessmen would have a far greater opportunity to change planes.

It appears, therefore, ironic that BA should now be concentrating on developing the airport its rivals are leaving. BA argues, however, that Gatwick complements rather than competes with its operations at Heathrow. Eamonn Mullaney, BA's managing director at Gatwick, says: "Heathrow simply cannot support all the services we want to operate from London. Gatwick gives us the chance of making the best of the opportunities available at both London's key hubs, to develop profitable short-haul and long-haul operations."

The airline has never made any secret of the fact that it has lost money at Gatwick since its merger with British Caledonian in 1988. The problem became so serious that last year it had to decide whether to scale down its Gatwick base dramatically or to expand it rapidly and attempt to turn a profit. It chose the latter.

"Dan-Air presented a unique opportunity for BA to establish a low cost short haul operation to support its growing long-haul route network," Mr Mullaney says. The priority was to balance the number of short-haul and long-haul services and to do this the airline not only took over many Dan-Air routes but signed partnership deals with both the French airline TAT and the fledgling CityFlyer Express, both of which now fly in BA colours.

The staff were persuaded to accept lower pay and the airline's cost base was slashed with much lower starter rates to turn the anticipated losses of more than £100 million in 1991 and £50 million last year into profit. Now, it is claimed that the airline will break even this year and move into profit next year.



British Airways staff arrive at Gatwick

Services to Tel Aviv, Oslo and Verona are introduced this week. Daily flights to Baltimore began earlier this month, two routes to Yemen will be introduced in November and Charlotte will follow after Christmas. British Airways is also taking advantage of the growing liberalisation within Europe by introducing a second through-running service linking Oslo with Gatwick and Athens. Other such links between more than two countries are in the pipeline.

Such developments have led to a staggering growth in passenger traffic with an anticipated 4.1 million travelling on BA through Gatwick this year compared with 2.2 million last. BA officials are particularly pleased with the growth in transfer traffic — a sure sign that a genuine "hub" is developing.

Between April and August this year, the number of transfer passengers handled by BA was up by 51 per cent and figures for August alone, compared to the same month last year, were up 115 per cent. Another statistic which shows that the "hub" is now developing well is that last summer there were 84 cities linked via Gatwick each day. By this summer that figure had risen to 226.

Now British Airways is concentrating on switching passengers from one service to another more quickly than at any rival airport. Gatwick's north terminal is potentially capable of disembarking passengers from one service and embarking them on another within 30 minutes, although it presently takes 45. This compares with the standard time at Schipol of 50 minutes, and one hour 15 minutes at Heathrow where passengers must travel between terminals one and four.

Mr Mullaney is determined to have all BA's services and those operated by the carrier's partner airlines at the north terminal. "A hub is not just where you connect between flights — any connection counts from train, car or bus," he says. "Gatwick has the benefit of the best surface transport links in Europe. It is a message which has proved difficult to get across, as business passengers still believe that Heathrow, with all its airlines and frequency of flights, provides the most choice."

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Chuffed for choice

Gatwick Express is taking on the competition

Bleary-eyed American tourists arriving at Gatwick each morning face a bewildering choice of trains to London.

Three services are touting for passengers' custom. Very much in the limelight is the self-contained Gatwick Express, operated as a "shadow franchise" since October 10. This represents a first stage in the privatisation of British Rail. But BR's Network SouthEast (NSE) sector is offering stiff competition.

If speed, comfort and frequency are important, catch the Gatwick Express. It can whisk you to Victoria in 30 minutes for £8.60 and there is always a train at the platform ready to be boarded between 6am and 8pm.

NSE's SouthCentral division offers a frequent but slower, stopping, service to Victoria for £7.50; its commuter trains are showing their age. NSE's much newer Thameslink trains can take you to the heart of the City in about 40 minutes for £8, by a half-hourly service.

Competition on fares is limited by what the British Railways board (and the government) are prepared to see. The banners draped all over Victoria station displaying the different fares to Gatwick symbolise vigorous, but hardly cut-throat, competition. No one wants a price war, yet.

Gatwick airport has boasted an integrated railway station and air terminal since the 1950s. The Gatwick Express was launched in 1984 and soon established itself as a reliable and profitable performer. It has also helped in the marketing of the airport itself. Foreign airlines are pleasantly surprised at how easy it is to reach central London by rail. By contrast, Heathrow's high-speed service, the Heathrow Express to Paddington, is not due to open until 1997.

Gatwick Express trains are certainly not in their first flush of youth. The luggage vans date from the 1950s, the locomotives from the 1960s and the coaches from the 1970s. They are, however, fully refurbished and well-maintained.

Rob Mason, shadow franchise director of the Gatwick Express, wants to increase his share of surface access to the airport from 17 per cent to 20 per cent, or almost all of rail's overall 25 per cent market share. He is now free, he says, to concentrate on marketing Gatwick Express to the full. The areas of interest are combined rail-air ticket packages with the airlines, and closer links with travel agents.

He will manage the Gatwick Express until the service is put out to tender. The next six months be spent building up an operational, contractual and financial track record of the Gatwick Express. The timing of the sale depends on the government, and on the railways bill's passage through Parliament. Incorporation into a limited company next April could be followed fairly quickly by an invitation to bid for the first seven-year franchise.

DAVID CARTER



The Gatwick Express travelling to Victoria, only half an hour from the airport

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Straight line is more direct

The art of drawing reveals great artists at their most unaffected and approachable, writes **Richard Cork**

What makes drawings so powerfully appealing? Modest in size, and often unable to make an impact at a distance, they lack the forceful attraction of paintings. The 120 drawings from the Getty Museum in Malibu, currently on show at the Royal Academy, are all of impressive quality. But they do not call to us loudly from the blue-grey walls of the Sackler Gallery. Nor does the subdued lighting, tailored to calm any curatorial fears about fading, enhance their capacity to beguile.

Once these fragile and often battered sheets of paper are seen near-to, however, they soon exert their own fascination. Looking at drawings often brings us into far closer contact with artists than paintings ever can. We see their makers in private. Perhaps they are trying out the germ of an idea for a commissioned painting. Or maybe they are simply studying a figure, object or landscape because it seized their attention. Either way, the result admits us with astonishing directness to the artist's presence.

We can easily feel, gazing at the marks preserved on the yellowing paper, that their makers are inviting us to share their most intimate train of thought. Changes of mind which become hidden in completed paintings are here frankly exposed. Many of these drawings were made without any thought of exhibiting them. Preserved in portfolios, often after they had been rescued from the dust of the studio floor by quick-witted assistants, they were seen only by friends, admirers and would-be collectors. Artists who can appear remote in their impeccably polished canvases spring to unexpected life in the spontaneity of drawing. A far bolder and more improvisatory temperament is revealed, willing to take headlong risks and work with a vitality not so evident in paintings produced for public appraisal and consumption.

Take the marvellously spirited drawing of a reclining male nude by Parmigianino. The young Mannerist intended it as a study for the sleeping *St Jerome in a tall altarpiece* now owned by the National Gallery. The figure in the painting is a white-bearded old man, and his partially clothed body seems awkwardly placed in a cramped part of the composition. But the drawing discloses that he was based on a young model. Parmigianino's pen defines his sinewy contours with electric assurance, and the bravura use of brown wash and white gouache ensures that the figure is quickened with pent-up dynamism.

Another Mannerist, the Utrecht-born Abraham Bloemaert, can seem irritatingly artificial and eccentric in his canvases. But his superb Getty drawing, *Three Studies of a Woman*, could not be more direct. Just as Watteau would do a century later, Bloemaert circles round his model and combines different views on the same sheet. Possibly he was making studies for a Virgin in an unidentified Adoration scene, but the model depicted here looks unashamedly secular.

> 'Artists who can seem remote spring to life in the spontaneity of drawing'

The most substantial of her three heads sports an elaborate coiffure, with tendrils plaited in patterns of Leonardo-like complexity. Her face, however, is drawn with refreshing candour. This is a flesh-and-blood young woman, quietly sitting for the artist. And the most captivating of the three heads shows her full-face, homely yet sensual, with breeze-blown hair defined by marvellously free and supple strokes of red chalk.

Not all the Getty exhibits are based on specially posed models. Rubens, an omnivorous studier of other artists, derived most of the apostles in his sketch for a Last Supper from earlier paintings. Raphael, Caravaggio and Leonardo are among the artists whose figures have been borrowed in this ink drawing. But Rubens's innate energy transforms his sources. Wielding his pen-nib almost with the force of a chisel, he carves out the consternation of men reacting to Christ's shocking announcement. The older apostles' fearfulness is juxtaposed with more impulsive, even violent responses among the younger figures.

The sense of attack which makes this drawing so alive may surprise those familiar only with Rubens's most rhetorical paintings. Partly because he relied so much on workshop assistance, his canvases can seem laboured or overblown. But Rubens's true stature comes through unimpeded in drawings.

Look at the passionate curiosity informing his study of a man threshing beside a wagon. Rubens the international courtier and supplier of ostentatious allegories is nowhere to be found in this alert, incisive drawing. Surely based on first-hand observation of farm life, it defines the structure of the wagon's sides, wheels and chassis with as much attentive authority as the thresher displays while lifting his implement in readiness to strike.

The immense breadth of Rubens's interests is arrestingly clarified in his draughtsmanship. How he met the Korean man who appears in a consummate chalk drawing is a mystery. Europe had almost no contact with Korea in the 17th century, but perhaps the man arrived with a Chinese mission. Far from seeing him merely as a bizarre exotic, Rubens engages with this heavily swathed figure in a warm and humane way. The Korean's strange, elongated headgear does not prevent the artist from regarding him with the instinctive sympathy animating the portraits of all the people whom Rubens knew best.

Sometimes, though, the greater licence encouraged by drawing prompts a sharper note in portraits. Holbein cannot be described as a painter who introduced acid criticism into images of sitters he disliked. But when he drew an unknown Tudor scholar or cleric during his second period in England, Holbein did not hesitate to pinpoint the wiliness of the man. With arched eyebrow, hooded lids and slightly sneering smile, this is a face to be mistrusted.

Although this sly and subtle portrait may be a study for a lost painting, it seems complete in itself. Holbein's unerring command of line has a sense of finality, and many of the finest drawings on show are as satisfyingly realised as elaborate works on canvas. Goya's *Contemptuous of the Insults* may only be a small brush and ink work, carried out with great speed. But it belongs to a group of late drawings rightly described as "little pictures", and the double black borders which Goya drew around the image reinforce its self-sufficient character. By this stage in his life he had become splendidly uninhibited. Two dwarfs dressed as Napoleonic generals snarl and jeer at an elderly Spanish gentleman. Doffing his hat with mock courtesy in one hand, he returns their venom by smiling and making a scornful gesture with his other hand. He is probably Goya himself, showing how much he despises Spain's military oppressors.

When an artist pushes a drawing too hard toward the condition of painting, the outcome can be oppressive. Millet's *Shepherdess and Her Flock* uses black chalk and pastel to a stifling extent. He strives for the solidity of his painted version, now in the Louvre, and produces an image petrified with sentimental piety. Bowed as if in prayer, the shepherdess stands silhouetted before a sky where godlike shafts burst through a cloud.

Such religiosity soon cloys, and in the end I found myself responding most of all to draughtsmanship unburdened by such pictorial elaboration. Pontormo's swift study of the dead Christ does not pretend to be definitive. Drawn over another study of a female figure, it bristles with corrections and obliterations. But the raw exposure of all these alternative marks adds to the image's intensity. Emaciated and forlorn, Christ's limp body is riddled with agitated, conflicting lines which act as eloquent witnesses to the suffering he once endured.

● *Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum, sponsored by The Capital Group and supported by The Times, at the Royal Academy (071 439 7438) until Jan 23*

In tomorrow's Weekend section, there will be an offer for *Times* readers to obtain discount entry to the Getty Exhibition



A flesh-and-blood young woman: *Three Studies of a Woman* by the Utrecht-born Mannerist, Abraham Bloemaert

ART MARKET DIARY

Not so Seurat

SHOULD art experts use their expertise to earn cash? And how liable should they be when people start arguing over their attributions?

These issues could be raised at a forthcoming New York trial at which both the art dealers Wildenstein and Company and the distinguished post-Impressionist expert John Rewald will be accused of "fraud" and "deceptive trade practices" over the attribution of a painting. New Yorkers Anne and Arnold Gumowitz bought the work, *Le Paysan Travaillant*, for £400,000 in 1987 on the understanding that it was by Georges Seurat, only to have it rejected for the major Seurat retrospective two years ago by another expert, Robert Herbert. Now, Rodney Brown, the lawyer representing the plaintives, says: "We are seeking a return of the money and damages."

● **PHOTOGRAPHY** always was the poor cousin to fine art. Now the poor cousin is getting a boost with the announcement of the new Felix H. Mann prize by the National Museum of Photography. Although at £5,000 the reward hardly compares with the £20,000 dished out to the Turner Prize winner, the event looks set to bring photography kudos. Entries must be in the tradition of the legendary photo-journalist Felix Mann, who invented the photo-essay in the 1930s.

Fayre deal

HARRODS, they say, is capable of supplying anything within 24 hours. "The World's most famous store" is not necessarily associated with antiques, however. All this changes on November 12 when the first International Art and Antiques Fayre opens at the Knightsbridge department store with 85 prestigious dealers, including Wartski (jewellery), Richard Green (Old Master paintings) and William Drummond (English drawings and watercolours).

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

EXHIBITIONS: CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **SUZANNE PERLMAN:** A pupil of Kokoschka in the Fifties, Perlman certainly indicates some debt to his luminously coloured evocations of the London scene in hers. But she is far from an imitator: where Kokoschka makes London look curiously indistinguishable from Istanbul, Perlman is a great one for vivid and precise detail. Whether painting the Friends' Room at the Royal Academy, a fair in Covent Garden, or a double-decker passing the Angel, she captures the particular feel of the place while abating none of her expressionist dash and sometimes savage humour.
Agi Katz Fine Arts, Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, NW8 (071-624 1126). Wednesday-Sat 11am-6pm, until November 20.

● **LES PLAISIRS DU JARDINAGE:** Much of French garden-making in the later 18th and early 19th centuries was taken up with the "jardin anglais", based on a vague conception of the English landscape garden. In French hands it tended to become a succession of neatly contrived theatrical scenes, liberally scattered with chinoiserie. The designs are often all that remains, and are delightful artworks in themselves, as well as illuminating documents. In the main, this is an exhibition that gives us the perverse pleasure of seeing ourselves as others saw us.
Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox, 38 Bury Street, SW1 (071-930 6422) Monday-Friday 10am-5.30pm, until November 19.

● **A VISION FOR VITERBO:** During the Prince of Wales's 1990 Summer School in Civil Architecture, students were asked to turn their attention to, inter alia, the problems of the Italian medieval town of Viterbo, faced with suburban sprawl outside the walls and inner city decline. Designs for an undeveloped site within (to include an art gallery and university library) and a declining wholesale market on the perimeter were shown in Viterbo and excited much practical discussions. Now they are shown in London, to encourage deeper thought on similar problem sites in Britain.
Accademia Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, SW7 (071-225 3474) Monday-Saturday 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 8pm), Sunday 12 noon-5.30pm, until November 5.

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DANCE: **John Percival** reviews David Bintley's new *Sylvia* for Birmingham Royal Ballet

Entertaining spectacle

Sorry, Sylvia: David Bintley's latest ballet bears your name, but the most striking character in it is Eros, played as a white-haired German tourist given to practical jokes and funny disguises. And the show-stopping number is his dance as a black-bearded pirate with a wooden leg on which he hops, skips and produces a nifty line in pirouettes.

This is the nearest that Birmingham Royal Ballet's *Sylvia* comes to a "concept production", unless you count modern costumes for the men amid mythological Greek women, presumably hoping for a timeless feeling. Mostly Bintley, after initially nurturing many wild ideas (even to having six bald eunuchs dance Delibes's famous pizzicato), found himself compelled by the music to stay close to the original plot.

His most significant change is making more of Diana, the violently feminist goddess of hunting, who blinds lovelorn Amynta as a punishment for supposedly seeing her take a bath. That gives Amynta good reason for failing to rescue Sylvia (his real love, but vowed to chastity as one of Diana's nymphs) from the lecherous hunter Orion, and provides Bintley with his best choreographic invention: a tender duet where Sylvia gradually falls for her blind admirer and his sight is eventually restored by love (equals Eros).

This is danced, I think, to an extract from another Delibes ballet, *La Source*, with which Bintley supplements the score, which is itself every bit as good as Tchaikovsky, who admired it tremendously. The Royal Ballet Sinfonia relishes its sonorous fanfares, bright string tone, crisp rhythms and sensuous melodies.

With such a musical base and his own showmanship, Bintley could hardly fail to provide an entertaining spectacle. The traditional text gives him good material that suits his style: bold sweeping entries and languorous interludes for the sporty nymphs in Act I; sinister threats from Orion in Act II, and Sylvia's trick of staving him off with instantaneously fermented wine from some handy grapes; a surprise happy ending to Act III. He finds some unexpected new touches, too, notably the group of punkish, scruffy wood nymphs who start the action, but his classical numbers are less successful than the character ones.

Sue Blane dresses the dancers attractively, if often unconventionally; her amazonian nymphs clearly shop from some antique Katharine Hamnett. She maintains continuity with a background of rocks in each scene, with foreground decoration to provide a grotto, a gloomy room and a ruined temple by the sea, plus assorted statues, ships and mountain paths as required — even tutu and tights for the last duet.

Two couples are dancing the leads. Miyako Yoshida is perhaps brighter in Sylvia's solos, Sandra Madgwick more touching in her captivity; both are excellent. Similarly, if Kevin O'Hare's bolder acting puts him just ahead as Yoshida's Amynta, Sergiu Pobereznic's solos are slightly more fluent. To match Michael O'Hare's suave, quizzical Eros and Joseph Cipolla's glowering Orion is going to be difficult, but if you saw David Morse and Evan Williams in the second cast, you might find that hard to believe.

Lively and diverting as this *Sylvia* is (thanks be to PowerGen for sponsorship), the majority who never saw the 1952 Ashton-Ironside production must trust us old codgers that it was conceptually, choreographically and decoratively the better version. Congratulations to BRB for bringing Delibes's ballet to life again, but will Covent Garden please now take the hint and revive its *Sylvia* too?



Lovers: Miyako Yoshida, Kevin O'Hare in Sylvia

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Odeon Leicester Square, W1 (071-930 3232) Oct 31; doors open 11.30pm.

DANCE UMBRELLA: Saburo Teshigawara, one of Japan's foremost choreographers, presents a new solo performance, *Bones in Pages*. Originally commissioned as a gallery installation, the piece uses fine shafts of light, glass screens and one thousand books and one thousand shoes as a backdrop.
Place Theatre, Dukes Road, WC1 (071-387 0031). Tonight and Sat, 8pm

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

MADMAN OF THE BALCONIES: Opening night for this play by the excellent Peruvian novelist and presidential contender, Mario Varga Llosa. Peter Eyre stars as a professor struggling to save the beauties of Lima from the bulldozer.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706) Tonight and Sat, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Simon Rattle conducts an impressive cast in a concert performance of Mozart's DON GIOVANNI. Thomas Allen sings the eponymous rake, one of the strongest roles in his repertoire, while Willard White is Leporello. The cast also includes Amanda Halgrimson, Lynne Dawson and John Connell.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333) Sun, 7pm Ⓢ

EDINBURGH: Not exactly a household name, **Phoebe Anna Traquair** was one of the most able and distinctive Scottish exponents of the Art Nouveau/Arts & Crafts range of styles and media. Perhaps relatively neglected because she worked in Edinburgh rather than Glasgow, she painted, embroidered, illuminated manuscripts and worked in mural, enamel, and metal. A small revelation. Closes Nov 7.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 2-5pm. Ⓢ

GLASGOW: Andre Engel's naturalistic production of Strauss's torrid shocker **Salome** returns to Scottish Opera with Beverley Morgan in the title role and Neil Jenkins as Herod. Richard Armstrong conducts.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (041-332 9000) Sat, 7.15pm Ⓢ

MANCHESTER: The undead rise again in Liz Lochhead's version of **Dracula**. Directed by Brigid Larmour, responsible for Lochhead's success *Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off*.
Contact, Oxford Road (061-274 4400). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Also Sat, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 165mins Ⓢ

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 160mins

□ **FOREVER PLAID:** Genial, and wittily performed American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat 8.30pm; mats Fri (half price), Sat, 6pm

◪ **HOT STUFF:** The glitter and glam of the Seventies in a compilation musical from Paul Kerryson
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5040) Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, 6pm and 9pm. Sat, 5pm and 8pm. Ⓢ

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm; mat Wed. 2.30pm Ⓢ

□ **IT'S A GREAT BIG SHAME:** New Mike Leigh play, points out the grim results of an abusive marriage, twice: in 1893 and 1993
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310)

◪ **MACHINAL:** Fiona Shaw, a moving heroine in Sophie Treadwell's expressionist drama from 1928. Masterly direction and design by Stephen Daldry and Ian MacNeil reaches the core of the drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight and Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.15pm. Ⓢ

□ **MEDEA:** Diana Rigg returns to the West End in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge. Directed by Jonathan Kent and first seen at the Almeida last year.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm, mat Thurs 3pm, Sat 5.30pm

◪ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Powerful performances from David Suchet and Lia Williams in Pinter's production of Mamet's play
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

□ **THE PARTY CARD:** Nicolai Erdman's comedy, set in jazz age Moscow and banned by Stalin, tells of two families scheming to obtain a prized card. A UK premiere by the Wedding Collective
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022) Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2pm and 5pm. Till Nov 21.

□ **PICKWICK:** Harry Secombe belts out "If I Ruled the World" as boldly as he sang it 30 years ago. A naive musical but good-hearted and bouncy.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

◪ **RACING DEMON:** Revival of David Hare's bracing drama on the modern Church of England, again with Michael Bryant, Richard Pasco and the excellent Oliver Ford Davies.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928-2252). Tonight, 7.15pm. As part of all-day performance of the trilogy on Sat, 10.30am, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Ⓢ

□ **THERESE RAQUIN:** Water drips everywhere as the sign of guilt and grim revenge in Julia Bardsley's version of Zola's sexual thriller.
Young Vic, 60 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm. Closes November 6 Ⓢ

□ **TRAVESTIES:** Tom Stoppard's dazzling word-spinner revived with Antony Sher as the aged consul remembering Lenin, Joyce and Dada in 1917 Zurich. Adrian Noble directs.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight and Sat, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. Ⓢ

■ **WALLENSTEIN:** Tim Albery's directing debut for the RSC in Schiller's mighty drama about power's capacity to corrupt. Ken Bones plays the great general
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight and Sat, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ■ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) ... □ **It runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ■ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) .. ◪ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **DIRTY WEEKEND** (18): Michael Winner's cheap, dismal version of Helene Zahavi's novel about a female doormat turned mankiller. With Lia Williams and Rufus Sewell
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **HOCUS POCUS** (PG): Rowdy Hallowe'en romp with Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy as 17th century witches at large in modern-day Salem. Director, Kenny Ortega.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-439 0791)

THE PIANO (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill and Harvey Keitel
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CURRENT

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford as the fugitive trying to clear his name. With Tommy Lee Jones; director, Andrew Davis
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
Odeon Mezzanine Ⓢ (0426 915683)

MR WONDERFUL (12): Electrical worker Mat Dillon tries to find his ex-wife a new man. Disarming candyfloss from director Anthony Minghella
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** (PG): Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with rollicking actors, clearly-spoken verse, but little film finesse.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (071-497 9999)

◆ **PASSION FISH** (15): Crippled soap star and her secretive nurse undergo rehabilitation. Enjoyable, loving, leisurely film from John Sayles.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

◆ **RISING SUN** (18): Murder at a Japanese conglomerate's LA headquarters. Botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **Electric** Ⓢ (071-792 2020) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG): Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy. Writer-director Nora Ephron.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

THREE COLOURS: BLUE (15): Brilliantly shot but chilly first instalment of Kieslowski's trilogy. Juliette Binoche as a composer's widow trying to start from zero.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

THE WEDDING BANQUET (15): Americanised immigrant from Taiwan fails to tell his parents he's gay. Delightful, caring cross-cultural comedy. Director, Ang Lee.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on a timeless comedy that overcomes changes in time

Flyte of fancy for Shakespeare

Love's Labour's Lost
RST, Stratford

DONALD COOPER



Floating in the vague direction of Brideshead: Robert Portal, Owen Teale, Jeremy Northam and Guy Henry

THE last time the Royal Shakespeare Company performed *Love's Labour's Lost*, back in 1990, lovers from Renoir waited in a landscape by Monet for ladies from Degas. This time, Ian Judge shifts the action to what, judging by the number of spires self-consciously dreaming away on the horizon, is rural Oxfordshire, and moves the date to 1910 or thereabouts. The sepia photo outside the theatre, showing the gallants lolling in a boat, sums up the overall feel very well. All four are floating through time and space in the vague direction of Brideshead.

There is nothing wrong with stressing the play's Englishness. When Shakespeare wrote Vienna, Messina or Bohemia at the top of a page, he tended to mean London, Stratford or Warwickshire. So we should not fret when Dull, the Navarre bobby, sits with his tankard beneath crossed oars in a Navarre pub, or when Sir Nathaniel, the Navarre vicar, claps a Navarre butcher's boy for hitting a six over the fence behind him. Perhaps we should even buy the curious moment before the curtain call, when the night sky lights up with distant explosions. Shakespeare did not have the Somme in mind; but he undeniably confronted his lovers with mood-changing intimations of mortality.

Judge's other original touches are more frivolous. Don Armado's page, Moth, for instance, has been changed from the precocious tot evoked by the text into a wimpish cathedral chorister who must be 25 if a day. But who expects, or wants, a bold new reading of what is, 99 hundredths of the time, one of Shakespeare's lightest, sweetest plays? Judge's production is perfectly enjoyable as it stands. It looks gorgeous, thanks not only to the sensitive variations John Gunter plays on the theme of an old stone mansion, but to the cream blazers and black-and-silver evening dresses that have come from Deirde Clancy's costume shop. Add lots of pastoral music, plus the singing of some words normally spoken, and you have atmosphere enough.

There is also acting enough. Owen Teale throbs artlessly away as the king who gets his friends to abjure love, only to join them in falling straight in it. If Jeremy Northam's Berowne does not justify his mistress's condemnation of his "gibing spirit", he brings wit and a happy-go-lucky charm to the task of unwillingly toppling into the tender trap. But perhaps the most romantic figure onstage is an unexpected one: Daniel Massey, who plays the amorous Spaniard, Don Armado, as a forlorn Pan, a great moustachioed satyr transformed by passion into the most wistful of dreamers. With him rapturously gawping at the stars, who could doubt the pull of love?

OPERA: A warming experience of lovers in the North; a stirring warm-up for one lover in the Midlands

Southern comfort zone

L'elisir d'amore
Victoria Theatre, Halifax

ENGLISH Touring Opera has a real success with its new production of Donizetti's comedy, because everyone concerned knows that at the heart of the piece is a loving relationship observed with extraordinary depth.

There are times when the laughter has to stop — in the first-act finale at "Adina, credimi", and at the final shootout for the lovers. The laughter did indeed stop in Stephen Medcalf's admirably sensitive staging, as the appreciative Yorkshire audience hung on every word and note while two proud, wilful, loving human beings inched uncertainly towards understanding and happiness. Tears were never far away.

But the production is also very funny. Medcalf and his designer Isabella Bywater set it in Carson McCullers country. Nemorino is a Deep South hayseed with blue dungarees and two left feet; Adina a landowner who would end up like one of Tennessee Williams's less-fulfilled heroines were she not to reach an understanding with him; Belcore is a pistol-packing sergeant in the US cavalry; and Dulcamara a travelling quack whose elixir comes in interestingly shaped bottles associated with a well-known soft drink. No matter: *Elisir* could be set in East Timor, provided the relationships are properly worked out, which they are.

Even more importantly, the production has been very well prepared musically. Young ETO singers are unlikely to be engaged at La Scala next week, yet you felt that, thanks to first-rate coaching by the conductor Andrew Greenwood and his music staff, all were singing at the peak of their capabilities, and at times just above it.

Not that I would be surprised if Mary Plazas (Adina) eventually ended up at La Scala. Her bright, beautifully schooled soprano has a real glow at its core. In both her singing and her stage manner she put me in mind of the young Cotrubas.

The Irish tenor Niall Morris is not yet so finished a singer, but his tone is agreeably burnished, especially in half-voice, and he is a natural actor. This Nemorino's eager, puppyish lovesickness touched the heart as well as the funny-bone.

Adrian Clarke's passing resemblance to John Wayne was a help in this particular production, and the only criticism I have of Jonathan May's Dulcamara is that he concentrated on beauty of tone at the expense of diction, the wrong priority in this particular role: more of Amanda Holden's ingenious new translation would have been welcome, although she was loyally served by the rest. A lovely evening. Audiences during the rest of the tour are in for a rare treat.

RODNEY MILNES

Mozart's soul relayed bare

Don Giovanni
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

FOR Simon Rattle, who will be conducting a new production of *Don Giovanni* in the new theatre at Glyndebourne, this run of four performances with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra was an opportunity to get to grips with Mozart's opera without having to take the staging into account: costumes here are formal evening dress, with the addition only of two differently coloured pocket handkerchiefs to be exchanged by Giovanni and Leporello when they are meant to exchange identities. But the singers perform without scores, and there is a certain amount of acting.

The musical interpretation (much enhanced by John Constable's imaginative harpsichord playing) is stylish, brisk and consistently uneasy: there is always an anticipation of doom, which, of course, makes the final release into D major so much more radiant.

It is a rewarding evening for nearly all concerned. The possible exception is Christoph Homberger who, as Don Ottavio in a strictly Prague version of the text, is deprived of "Dalla sua pace" and who in the first performance coped not very well with "Il mio tesoro".

For Thomas Allen, on the other hand, it is clearly a happy experience. His voice is now a little dark for Giovanni, but he remains seductive, dominant, and so at one with the part that he is almost a production himself.

Willard White is similarly secure on the minimal stage: clearly enjoying his exchanges with Geoffrey Dolton's Masetto and John Connell's splendid Commendatore, he not only sings well but supplies just the right amount of characterisation for the circumstances. So does Christine Schafer as a modestly delightful Zerlina. There is not much character in Amanda Halgrimson's Donna Anna, a role which is problematic enough with all the resources of the theatre to draw on, but she sings the part with remarkable ease. If Lynne Dawson hasn't quite accommodated Elvira's line to her voice, hers is a promising performance with much dramatic potential.

GERALD LARNER

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ROCK ON FRIDAY: John Hiatt strolls into the spotlight ... Whitney Houston reclaims it ... Kate Bush suffers in it

He writes songs the world sings

From Bob Dylan to Paula Abdul, the stars line up to record John Hiatt's wry roots-rock — and he's still not famous. **Paul Sexton** met him



Only just into his forties, John Hiatt has been playing guitar, singing and writing for 30 years, and is long overdue for overnight stardom

He reached 40 only last year, but John Hiatt has been pickin' and grinnin' on his beloved guitar for 30 years. Long enough to know most of the vagaries of the warped industry via which he has become an unspoken hero.

Now basking in an immaculate reputation, both as an evocative frontman and one of the most widely covered songwriters of the age, Hiatt casts his mind back to the mid-1980s and a dues-paying period with Geffen Records, when a career that was already well into its second decade had yielded yards of good reviews but precious few sales.

> 'I don't know if I'm a slow learner, thickheaded, confused, or all the above'

"I was called into the office of Gary Gersh [his A&R man at the time, now the new American boss of Capitol Records] to meet Mitchell Froom, who produces some of the Richard Thompson records, to talk about doing the next John Hiatt record for Geffen," he says. "While I was in his office, I got a call from my attorney at the time who informed me that I had been dropped a week previous, and was I aware of that? I said no, not only was I not aware of that but I didn't think Gary was either'.

"I said: 'Gary, do you know I am no longer on your label?' He didn't. I was marched up to [Geffen president] Ed Rosenblatt's office and he said: 'Oh, gosh, nobody told you?' Incredible. It's funny now, it was not so funny at the time."

Happily, since his subsequent signing to A&M, Hiatt has made the sort of records that simply could no longer be overlooked. The 1987 album *Bring The Family*, recorded in just four days, is widely held to be one of the classic roots-rock albums of the decade, and brought him together with kindred spirits Nick Lowe, Ry Cooder and Jim Keltner, later to be reunited as Little Village, last year's somewhat disappointing "supergroup" project. In between times, Hiatt stoked the burner with two more excellent albums, *Slow Turning* and *Stolen Moments*, while inadvertently building a portfolio of superstar cover artists. The list of his interpreters is now almost ready to be serialised as a partwork: everyone from Bob Dylan to Paula Abdul, taking in the Everly Brothers, Willie Nelson, Bonnie Raitt, Iggy Pop, Emmylou Harris, Aaron Neville, Joan Baez, David Crosby and Conway Twitty along the way.

His career as a writer began in 1974, the year of his solo recording debut, when the Los Angeles trio Three Dog Night finished their run of American Top 20 hits with Hiatt's "Sure As I'm Sittin' Here". But this is no Brill Building refugee. "I've been fortunate to get this other career as a songwriter who gets covered, but it would be scary to me to be just doing that. I don't really write for other people. I've tried, but I'm still pretty much unable to sit down and custom-write a song for somebody."

So he continues to ply his trade, once again to splendid effect on the new album *Perfectly Good Guitar*, from which he will be performing fuel-injected workouts such as "Something Wild" and the more stately "Blue Telescope" during his gigs this weekend.

Hiatt was eager to return to solo work after the positive experience — but underwhelming end product — of the *Little Village* sessions. "Initially we were convinced we were making something brand new," Hiatt says of the album that transpired. "But somewhere it got lost, we wound up in what I call overdub hell, like, 'Maybe the kitchen sink would work well on this one.' I still think *Little Village* is an interesting record and everyone feels there's a great record to be made by this band, and I have the feeling that we're probably going to have another go at it."

The new set sees Hiatt moving away from the personal observations of his last, loose trilogy of solo releases, and back to some sharper-edged story songs. It is produced by Matt Wallace, best known for his work with high-volume hairies Faith No More, and the singer admits some need to reclaim his youth by bending the meters a little this time. To that end, he had a new ally: his 16-year-old stepson Rob.

"He got very interested in music, starting about three years ago," Hiatt says. "It was really something to watch this kid. He started off with Led Zeppelin and went on to heavy metal *du jour*, whatever was going, then into a lot of these new American bands. He started dragging their tapes home and we'd have to hear 'em in the morning when we took him to school. It's a good thing I liked 'em.

"Faith No More was one, Sonic Youth, your Nirvanas and your Pearl Jams, Dinosaur Jr, Fugazi, Screaming Trees. What I like about a lot of these bands is that what I was hearing was the obvious guitar, but also you had these singers who sounded earnest, not like pop stars, like guys struggling to say what they wanted to say, in a regular Joe kind of way. I connected with that."

Rob now spends his time in the Hiatt household, just outside Nashville, teaching himself to play the acoustic guitar his real father lent him. Meanwhile, his stepdad has the thrill of watching the same innocent joy of discovery that he himself experienced as he grew up in Indianapolis.

"Radio was the first big influence on me when I was about nine, ten," Hiatt says. "I would listen to one station in particular — WLAC, which emanated from Nashville. When I was 11, I picked up the guitar. That would have been 1963, and radio was pretty good."

The first record he bought was "Fingertips" by the "12-year-old genius" Little Stevie Wonder. "I fancied myself a genius, so that's why I picked it up. Once I heard it, I realised that he *was* a 12-year-old genius and I was probably not.

"I was playing in bands within three to six months of picking up a guitar. The first band I ever had was called the Four Fifths, we'd play little school dances and stuff and then, from the time I was 15, I was more of a solo kind of guy. We had a couple of coffee houses in Indianapolis that I would play and I went down to Bloomington, Indiana, there was a university there, and I would perform. I remember being really excited that these educated, bohemian types would even listen to me."

A lot of years and a few record company divorces later, Hiatt thinks he may finally be getting the hang of what he does. "My main motivation when I write these songs is to communicate, just so that you know there's somebody else out there who feels similar to yourself, you want to feel you're not unique in your troubles or your joys. It's a selfish motivation in that respect, I just want to connect.

"Some people come out of the gate with clarity of vision. Elvis Costello springs to mind — here's a guy that just burned us with four, five, six records right out of the gate that were smouldering in their intent. I'm not one of those guys, I don't know whether I'm a slow learner, confused, thickheaded, or all of the above, but it's just taken me time to focus on what I do."

● *John Hiatt is at the Forum, London NW5, tomorrow night and on Sunday at the Pavilion, Glasgow, on Sunday*

NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Sometimes a musician is so obviously the next big thing that hailing the fact in advance seems like cheating. Only a small sample of **Snoop Doggy Dogg**'s rapping on Dr Dre's two million-selling album, *The Chronic*, is needed in order to hear his potential. The casual delivery, rolling in a nasal Mississippi drawl, wraps vulnerability and impenetrable arrogance into one contradictory, fascinating package.

Snoop Dogg's forthcoming album has been described as the most eagerly awaited debut in the history of rap. With his first single, "What's My Name?", on release, life should be perfect for this 22-year-old from California.

Unfortunately, before his solo career has reached even its first stage, Snoop Dogg (real name either Calvin Broadus or Cordavar Varnado, according to different sources) has been charged with murder. Although exact details of the case remain unclear, he was allegedly present at the shooting of a man who had threatened him, and others, on previous occasions. Now he is free only because of the $1 million bail posted by his record company.

This raises a moral dilemma. Why praise the work of a man facing a murder charge? A number of recent press profiles have detailed the gang-related activities of Snoop Dogg as a teenager. Surely, if he is bad, is he not best forgotten?

Would that life were so simple. If Snoop Dogg's brilliant but perhaps brief career suggests anything, it is this: talent, money and opportunity may dangle the prospect of escape in front of those, like him, who suddenly acquire them. The route to total escape is labyrinthine, however. Whatever the facts of the case reveal, there is no doubt that gang life is not cast aside easily. If Snoop Dogg's creative ability is cut off so early in his life, then he should be remembered as an example of the corrosive effect of gang life.

DAVID TOOP

NEW RELEASES

Harrowing depths



A sad Kate Bush bares her soul on *The Red Shoes*

KATE BUSH
The Red Shoes
(EMI EMD 1047)
IF HER work rate gets any slower, we'll be lucky to see another Kate Bush album this side of the millennium. Her first release of the 1990s, *The Red Shoes* is a typically bouncing, weaving patchwork of songs, dedicated to the memory of her mother, who died recently.

That ordeal, along with other personal traumas sustained during the period of writing and recording the songs, seems to have set Bush's creative nerves on edge. The result is a series of wild mood swings, from the bland calypso lilt of "Eat The Music" to the strikingly sad and strange cadences of "Big Stripey Lie", where Nigel Kennedy's morose violin competes with a marauding bass line and a discordant battery of industrial guitar noise supplied by Bush herself.

While her lyrics are somtimes oblique and always poetic, the emotions are as direct and unconcealed as any she has previously expressed. "Just being alive / It can really hurt" (from "Moments Of Pleasure") more or less sums up the mood, and even the superficially jolly tone of "Eat The Music" does not conceal the pain at the core of the song's fruity metaphor: "Split me open ... And rip my heart out."

There are telling guest performances from Eric Clapton (a shimmering, bluesy finale to "And So Is Love"), Jeff Beck (on a track called "You're The One", vaguely reminscent of "Purple Rain") and Prince himself, who brings his unique, squeaky magic to bear on Bush's composition "Why Should I Love You?"

The Red Shoes is Bush at her most vulnerable, exposed, introverted and occasionally shrill: a collection of vivid emotional portraits daubed in thick gashes of acrylic and framed by curtains of purple rouched satin. Not that easy to love, perhaps, but difficult to ignore.

INXS
Full Moon, Dirty Hearts
(Mercury 518 637)
AS A bona fide, international superstar group, who have survived a 17-year career without a single change of line-up, INXS have more right than most to be trading on past glories. If it's not quite yet time for a pseudo-anniversary boxed set or double greatest hits compilation, one would expect, at the very least, a pattern of long breaks between albums and monumental marketing campaigns to have set in by now.

Evidently not. Just one year after the superlative *Welcome To Wherever You Are*, the Australian six-piece return with another new album, released with a minimum of hype. And it sounds brilliant.

Assembled quickly, but with no lack of care and an abundance of passion, *Full Moon, Dirty Hearts* is a grainy collection of short, spiky songs with one or two slow, moodier pieces, that teems with an unlikely vitality.

Hefty guitar riffs fuel down-and-dirty rockers like "Days Of Rust" and "Make Your Peace": raucous harmony vocals by Ray Charles, no less, underpin the authentic-sounding r'n'b connections of "Please (You Got That ...)"; a strange instrumental dance between muted trumpet and feedback guitar propels "I'm Only Looking"; and on the magisterial chorus of the title track, Chrissie Hynde weighs in with a supercool counterpoint to Michael Hutchence's distracted yelp. Wouldn't it be great if more rock stars behaved like INXS and simply got on with enjoying the job they're paid such good money to do?

RIGHT SAID FRED
Sex And Travel
(Tug SNOG2)
HAVING done more than their share to reclaim the idea of pop as a three-minute exercise in harmless but always stylish fun, Right Said Fred seem to be running out of steam. Their appeal has always stretched a bit thin over the course of a whole album, but even "Bumped", their new single, lacks the cheeky sparkle of previous hits and remains stalled outside the busy, pre-Christmas Top 30.

Despite its title, the trio's second long-player does little to broaden the mind, its dozen tracks offering more in the way of good-humoured distraction. There are, as ever, some great lines knocking about: "We're hip and we're groovy / Her aura whispers to me," Richard Fairbrass sings in his seductively husky croak on "She's My Mrs", a song that starts with a peal of church bells and a snatch of the wedding march before taking off on a jaunty disco strut peppered with unlikely splashes of blues harmonica.

But the knowing humour and camp energy that abounded on last year's *Tug* is generally rather muted and, much as one might wish otherwise, *Sex And Travel* is an album which, like the classic holiday romance, quickly fades in the memory.

JACKSON BROWNE
I'm Alive
(Elektra 7559-61524)
IN THE 1970s, Jackson Browne was the archetype of the Californian singer-songwriter, a laid-back musician and seeker of emotional truths quietly beset by a host of demons. In the 1980s his work took on a more externalised, political focus but, with the hardening of the message came a professional smoothing out of the music, producing an imbalance between tone and content.

I'm Alive, his first album of the 1990s, brings him full circle, back to the deeply personal reflections on life and love that characterised albums like *Late For The Sky* and *The Pretender*.

Browne explicitly recognises the shift of emphasis when, cheerfully ad libbing a line or two on the fade of "My Problem Is You", he sings: "I don't worry about the ozone layer, my problem is you."

But worry he does. While the title track has an (ambiguously) optimistic slant, and there is a gentle reggae spring in the step of "Everywhere I Go", other, slower tracks, like "Too Many Angels" and "Two Of Me, Two Of You", expose the mournful and self-pitying streak which was always one of Browne's less-appealing calling cards.

Against an unfailingly polite musical backdrop, the mechanics of the most intimate relationships are chewed over in unflinchingly sentimental detail. If you want to know what goes on at the point "where the touch of the lover ends / And the soul of the friend begins", Browne's your man. Incurable romantics and original fans will find plenty to wallow in here.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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CONCERTS: A soul diva returns in triumph; godfathers of grunge blast away

Going back to Houston



JOHN POTTER

Houston not clapped out

Whitney Houston
Birmingham NEC

TWO years ago the unkind word was that Whitney Houston was finished as a brand leader. Her star, it was suggested, had been captured by newer names like Mariah Carey or the French Canadian Celine Dion, both specialising in a similar blend of bravura ballads and danceable pop-soul.

That such a prediction was premature where British audiences are concerned has been shown by the nine stadium dates the singer has sold out in Birmingham, Sheffield and London. And, arriving on stage for the first of them on Wednesday night, she seemed in a mood to revel in her renewed superiority.

With greetings pared to the bare essentials and her portfolio of dramatic gestures put to immediate use on "Love Will Save The Day", it seemed this was to be a triumphant romp through her recorded glories. The omens looked good for a show that put singing first, with showbiz a poor second.

Since Houston's last concert appearances in the UK she has, of course, been all but deified by the box office success of her movie debut *The Bodyguard* and the astonishing sales of its attendant soundtrack. Naturally she is older too, has married the singer Bobby Brown and given birth to a first child.

And perhaps it's the combination of these factors that led to her appearing far less eager to please than before, more inclined to let her public take her as they find her. Certainly there were fewer concessions to musical fashion in this show than in that promoting her last studio LP, 1990's *I'm Your Baby Tonight*.

The more street-conscious, dance-orientated material featured on that, her third album, was all but abandoned in favour of the roller-coaster ballads of which she has always been so fond. It used to irk the younger Houston when critics claimed that, creatively at least, she was prematurely middle-aged. Now it is as if she has stopped trying to fight her inclination towards material that would seem more the preserve of artists ten years her senior.

Ironically enough, the best thing about Houston's performance in Birmingham was that it became immediately apparent that her vocal cords were in bruised and battered shape. That Houston with even half a voice remains more gifted than many of her peers when singing at full strength goes without saying.

But that she was forced to compensate for an unaccustomed difficulty in moving smoothly from middle to upper register and back again, exposed her glorious technical ability to closer than usual scrutiny.

It also added an additional element of drama — the can-she-make-it factor — to songs already reliant on her unashamedly dramatic approach. Thus two tracks from *The Bodyguard*, "I Have Nothing" and "I Will Always Love You", although pushed close to the point of self-parody by Houston's occasional faltering delivery, kept her audience even more spellbound as a result.

Ultimately, though, the evening was something of a frustrating one. The disparity between the singer's thrilling voice and the frequently bland lyrics on which she chooses to deploy it has been remarked upon many times before.

But here, particularly during a medley in which one surging hit ballad melted into another — "All At Once", "Nobody Loves You Like I Do", "Didn't We Almost Have It All" and so on — one was reminded still more acutely of how little Houston reveals of herself, despite all the anguish and emoting.

ALAN JACKSON

Attitude dancing

Soul Asylum
Astoria, WC2

HAVING paved the way for Nirvana and Pearl Jam with a succession of stirring albums that were well ahead of their time, Soul Asylum finally enjoyed a significant — and gratifying — breakthrough of their own this year. In America, their sixth album, *Grave Dancers Union*, is celebrating its 50th week in the *Billboard* chart, but it was their recent hit single, "Runaway Train", that really put the band from Minneapolis into the frame worldwide. With its delicately cascading chord sequence and clever wordplay conjuring up a fine line in romantic melancholia, this number was something of a Trojan horse; a legitimate part of the group's repertoire, maybe, but also a means of smuggling a much heavier package of goods into the heart of the mainstream rock market.

Certainly anyone who went to the Astoria on Wednesday expecting an entire evening of such gentle treatment would have been violently disabused of the idea within 20 seconds of the band's opening shot, "Somebody To Shove". As the jittery verse flowered into a full-throttle chorus, whacked out at supergun volume, the heaving mass of fans crammed on the dancefloor responded to the thrust of the title literally, and bodies were soon bouncing off the walls.

With his jeans ripped out at the knees, a derelict white T-shirt exposing well-toned arms, and his face obscured by a lank mess of blond hair, singer and guitarist Dave Pirner looked a picture of neanderthal chic. Compared to such heroic dishevellment, the rest of them looked disappointingly normal, like overgrown college kids. There was nevertheless a bracing air of do-or-die as they cranked the volume yet higher and set sail on the even choppier waters of "All The King's Friends" and "Keep It Up".

If there is one thing that the grunge revolution has contributed it has been in persuading very loud rock bands to conquer their instinctive fear of an attractive melody. A timely reminder that Soul Asylum were pioneers in this regard came when they changed gear to play "Cartoon", a jangly descending riff with spot-on harmony vocals, taken from their 1988 album *Hang Time*. There was more muscle ("April Fool", "Black Gold"), more melody ("Homesick" and the inevitable "Runaway Train") and a high-powered cover of the old Eddie and the Hot Rods hit "Do Anything You Wanna Do" before the feedback-drenched climax of "99%".

The worst thing about grunge is the dismal, ton-and-a-half of "attitude" which all bands now feel obliged to drag around. Again Soul Asylum proved their bona fides by responding with petulant disdain to what they evidently perceived to be insufficient applause from the crowd at the end. They did a couple of half-hearted encores, but their foolish and boorishly handled misreading of the situation soured an otherwise enjoyable gig.

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Morrison faces task of convincing doubters

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN TULSA

TOMMY Morrison, the World Boxing Organisation heavyweight champion, has been written off many times as a lost cause by boxing experts, especially those who saw the great heavyweights of the Seventies. Morrison has been described as a "white Frank Bruno, who is big, chinny and marketable". An American reporter once said he was "the best-looking prospect in years; not the best fighter, merely the best-looking".

But in these days of mediocrities, Morrison has a chance of progressing further and far better than white heavyweights had in the days of Ali, Frazier, Foreman and Holmes. He boxed well against Foreman, the old man, last June to lift the title. He did not look at all overmuscled and predictable — or even chinny — like the Bruno that pushed Lennox Lewis for seven rounds at the beginning of this month.

All the same, the experts still believe Lewis will have no trouble disposing of Morrison when they meet in March. Only Morrison's trainer, Tommy Virgets, thinks his man will relieve Lewis of the World Boxing Council belt. Virgets made the journey from Kansas to Cardiff to see if Lewis would be too good for Morrison. Afterwards, he said: "I wondered whether Lewis was ready for Morrison."

After Lewis's disappointing performance against Bruno and in view of the fact that Morrison is to be his next opponent, it is a pity that Lewis did not take a leaf out of Virgets's book and make the trip to Tulsa to learn a little more about his opponent, who is defending his title against Michael Bentt, a London-born New Yorker here tonight. No doubt, in the mind of Lewis and his manager, Frank Maloney, Morrison is merely there to help Lewis make more millions.

Bob Arum, the promoter of the Las Vegas bout against Morrison, was surprised that neither Lewis nor Maloney had come, even just to appear after the bout to publicise the encounter in March. "I'm very disappointed that Lennox Lewis hasn't bothered to come here," Arum said. "He has a duty to help sell the fight with Morrison. It seems to me that Lennox has already lost interest in boxing, possibly because he is so rich."

The reason he has given is that he is busy publicising his book. What he gets from book sales is peanuts compared to his ring earnings.

"Right now I would favour Morrison to beat Lewis," Arum said. "It's nuts for Lewis and Maloney not to be here. Morrison was training for this fight when his trainer, Tommy Virgets, left camp to go over to Wales, not to pay respects to Lewis but to see what information he could pick up from watching him."

Even if Morrison loses, Lewis would have learnt something about Bentt, who could be his next opponent. Even though Bentt, who was born in Dulwich, left Britain 21 years ago and returned only twice, briefly, once to box for the United States against Ireland and then to act as Gary Mason's sparring partner, he considers himself British and said that if he won, he would box out of London.

He is an excellent boxer, having won four New York Golden Gloves titles and four national championships. He was beaten eight times in a distinguished amateur career of 167 contests. He would have represented the United States at the Seoul Olympics if he had not lost to Ray Mercer in the box-off. But he quickly found the professionals to be different from the amateurs. He was knocked out in his first bout, against Jerry Jones, a journeyman.

So depressed was he that he gave up boxing. His father, George, who had won $2 million (£1,333,000) in a New York lottery did not help him financially and Bentt had to work for 18 months at the Long Island Jewish hospital for $9 (£6) a day. He would still have been sterilising laboratory equipment had he not been engaged by Mason as his sparring partner. He saw that Mason, then No 5 in the world, could not teach him anything and he decided to return to boxing in 1989. He has won all ten of bouts since he returned. If Bentt can stay away from Morrison's big left hook, he could cause a big upset. That seems highly unlikely. Bentt is known as an "on top fighter", which means that once Morrison lands a big punch, it could be all over. Even if Bentt gets past the early rounds, that punch could come around round seven.



Bentt insists he can beat Morrison to become another London-born world champion

Nation's finest indulge in a little hero worship



Simon Barnes watches the Oxford Union welcome its first world heavyweight champion

And so, chewing hard and grinning uneasily, for the first time in history the present heavyweight boxing champion of the world (well, one of them) walked through the double doors and into the chamber of the Oxford Union. It was brave of him to take it on, you thought, courageous to invite a grilling by the white-hot minds that will surely rise to all kinds of eminences in the next decade or so.

Lennox Lewis, a citzen of the 21st century himself, being neither African, Jamaican, Canadian nor British, but all four, or a citizen of the world if you prefer, was greeted by a packed chamber. They sat on the floor, they squeezed into benches, they crammed the gallery and they perched gangling and dangling on window-ledges.

From the second Lewis walked in, the tone was set: wild cheering, whistling, thunderous applause and great cries of *whooo!*, this being the way Americans greet their sporting heroes, and since cisatlantic life now involves baseball caps, which are now a *de rigueur* item of student life, it seemed only right to extend the general tone of the gathering from personal sycophancy towards Lewis to a general sycophancy towards the United States as well. These people are avidly preparing the ground for the 51st state.

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, briefly outlined the course of his life with Lewis, promised that neither he nor Lewis would duck any questions and the floor was thrown open to those who sought wisdom. Well, there are two kinds of questions: one in which you seek an answer and one in which you seek to create an effect. We had plenty of both.

It did not take Lewis long to get the pace of the pitch, for he is nobody's fool. If he had nurtured the impression that Oxford undergraduates were somehow unlike anybody else, he was swiftly disabused. They had packed the chamber not for instruction but for a bit of good old hero-worship.

Well, nothing wrong with that, really, but Lewis had feared and I had hoped for something a little out of the common run. A few questions came his way that are not asked at press conferences — what's it like to be incredibly rich? (Laughter.) Are you a Christian? Would you pose naked? "No, my mother would kill me." (Affectionate laughter.)

Boxing fans asked complicated boxing questions. A few others told jokes in the form of questions. I work in a clothes shop and I'd like to know your chest size.



Lewis: on the spot

Teehee. A noisy gentleman in a hat and a plastic mac, clearly one of Oxford's traditional licensed eccentics, burst in and asked questions about brain damage, but he was shouted down. Perish the thought that we should take the question of brain damage seriously — after all, it is not our white-hot brains that are in danger, is it?

No. Far more important to talk about Lewis's ambitions to become undisputed champion within two years and then retire. Lewis mentioned Ali and up went a ritual cheer for the great brain-damaged hero. This was, after all, a ritual occasion rather than one of exploration.

True, someone tried to change this, a sharp-minded gentleman across the chamber. Did Lennox feel any problems working in a society that at best creates an environment that permits racism and is at worst racist? A couple of muted hisses. What? Asking the champ a difficult question? Worse, an *important* question?

Lewis sought refuge in flipness. He knew he could get away with it. He had the meeting with him, after all. "No, I don't," he said, producing the phrase as if he were Oscar Wilde. Applause. Clapclap. *Whoooo!* So much for not ducking questions.

Lewis expanded in the warm atmosphere. He confessed that he was worried by the near-death in the ring of Michael Watson: "It was very disturbing. Every time I go into the ring, my mother is worried."

But, in the end, it was simply a nice evening for the students, a chance to gaze upon a champion, relish his achievement, relish the incongruity of such a man in such a place, a chamber ringed with the busts of long-departed students who had gone to be prime ministers and thronged with the ghosts of centuries of undergrads.

So what was it all about? It was an attempt to make Lewis loved. To mention Bruno to the Lewis camp is like mentioning Cambridge in the Oxford Union: difficult, uncomfortable, improper. Lewis is touring Britain in an attempt to make himself more British — more accepted, more loved. This was one stop on the tour and it worked well for him. The boy Lewis went to the Oxford Union and the boy Lewis done good.

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Conditions in planning consents

British Railways Board v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill

[Speeches October 28]

The mere fact that a desirable planning condition appeared to have no reasonable prospects of fulfilment did not mean that planning permission had necessarily to be refused.

It was not irrational to grant planning permission subject to a condition which had no reasonable prospects of being implemented or to refuse planning permission on the ground that a desirable condition had no reasonable prospects of implementation and therefore could not be imposed.

Jones v Secretary of State for Wales and Ogwr Borough Council ([1990] 61 P & CR 238) was wrongly decided and had to be overruled.

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the British Railways Board against the dismissal on October 6, 1992 by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Hirst) ([1992] 65 P & CR 401) of its appeal against the refusal by Mr Gerald Moriarty, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, of its application to quash the refusal of the Secretary of State for the Environment and Hounslow London Borough Council to grant planning permission for the development of land at Feltham.

Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr Nicholas Huskinson for British Railways Board; Mr John Howell, QC and Miss Natalie Lieven for the secretary of state; Hounslow did not appear.

LORD KEITH said the British Railways Board had sought planning permission from Hounslow London Borough Council to develop part of the former Feltham marshalling yard for housing. The proposed development required vehicular access over land owned by the council, which had failed to determine the application within the statutory time.

An inspector appointed by the secretary of state had recommended that the application be granted subject to a condition that the works to provide the main access road be completed to base level before building of houses should begin on the site. The secretary of state required British Rail to confirm the completion of a legal agreement with the council to allow the road-building to proceed.

Hounslow, on environmental grounds, had refused to make an agreement and the secretary of state had taken the view that there was no reasonable prospect of the council doing so. He had refused planning permission on the basis that he was precluded in law from granting the permission subject to conditions which appeared to have no reasonable prospect of fulfilment within the five-year life of the permission. British Rail had applied to the High Court under section 288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to quash the secretary of state's decision. The application had been dismissed by Mr Moriarty and on appeal by the Court of Appeal.

By section 29(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 a local planning authority might grant planning permission "either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as they think fit".

Lord Lane in *Newbury District Council v Secretary of State for the Environment* ([1981] AC 578, 627) had indicated that where a local authority attached to a planning consent a condition which was unreasonable in *the Wednesbury* sense ([1948] 1 KB 223) an appeal by the developer would be allowed to the effect of rendering the consent free of the condition.

However, it appeared to have come about that the law was viewed, particularly in the Court of Appeal, as being to the effect that if a condition which on its merits was reasonable and necessary on planning grounds had no reasonable prospects of fulfilment then that condition could not validly be imposed and planning permission had to be refused.

That view was apparently thought to be supported by a passage in his Lordship's speech in *Grampian Regional Council v City of Aberdeen District Council* ([1984] 47 P & CR 633, 636-637). In that case it had been argued before the House of Lords that there was no practical distinction between a condition requiring a result which it was not within the power of the applicant to bring about and one providing that no development should begin until that result had been achieved. In either case the practical effect was to require the applicant to bring about something not within his power.

In rejecting that argument his Lordship had said: "There is a crucial difference between the positive and the negative type of condition in this context, namely that the latter is enforceable while the former is not. In the second place, the reasonableness of any condition has to be considered in the light of the circumstances of the case. In this case the proposals for development put forward by the first respondents were found by the reporter to be generally desirable in the public interest. The only aspect of them which he regarded as disadvantageous was the traffic problem they would be likely to cause at the Findon House junction. That problem was capable of being solved by the closing of the southern part of Wellington Road, something which had at least reasonable prospects of being achieved under statutory powers to that effect. In the circumstances, it would have been not only not unreasonable but highly appropriate to grant planning permission subject to the condition that the development was not to proceed unless and until the closure had been brought about. In any event, it is impossible to view a condition of that nature as unreasonable and not within the scope of section 26(1) of the Act if regard is had to the provisions of section 198."

In *Jones v Secretary of State for Wales and Ogwr Borough Council*, a decision of the Court of Appeal which that court had followed in the present case, the court had regarded his Lordship's speech as laying down that a negative condition was necessarily unreasonable in the *Wednesbury* sense unless there was a reasonable prospect of it being fulfilled.

In the Court of Appeal in the instant case Lord Justice Dillon had said it was a nonsense to grant a planning permission subject to a condition which the planning authority or the secretary of state on appeal knew there was no reasonable prospect of the applicant being able to satisfy.

As his Lordship had observed in *Grampian*, the question whether or not a certain condition was unreasonable depended on the circumstances of the case. The circumstances of *Grampian* itself were such that the proposed condition was not only reasonable but highly appropriate.

It was a mistake, however, to turn the decision on its head to the effect of treating it as carrying the necessary implication that a condition was unreasonable and invalid if it did not have such reasonable prospects.

The 1971 Act contemplated that an application for planning permission might be made by a person who did not own the land to which it related, as was plain from section 27(1)(b).

The owner of the land to which the application related might object to the grant of planning permission on planning grounds. But if those grounds were unsound the mere fact that the owner objected and was unwilling that the development should go ahead could not in itself necessarily lead to a refusal of permission.

The planning authority's function was to decide whether the proposed development was desirable in the public interest. The answer to that question was not to be affected by the consideration that the owner of the land was determined not to allow the development so that permission, if granted, would not have reasonable prospects of being implemented.

That did not mean that the planning authority, if it decided that the proposed development was in the public interest, was absolutely disentitled to take into account the improbability of permission for it, if granted, being implemented. For example, if there were two competing sites for a desirable development, difficulties of bringing about implementation on one site which were not present in relation to the other might very properly affect the choice of site to receive permission.

But there was no absolute rule that the existence of difficulties, even if apparently insuperable, necessarily had to lead to refusal of planning permission for a desirable development. A would-be developer might be faced with difficulties of many different kinds, in the way of site assembly or securing the discharge of restrictive covenants.

If he considered it was in his interests to secure planning permission notwithstanding the difficulties, it was not for the planning authority to refuse it simply on their view of how serious the difficulties were.

In the present case, the position was essentially that British Rail had applied for planning permission affecting land not in its ownership, a common state of affairs specifically contemplated by the Act. The proposed condition did not relate to land outside the ambit of the permission sought.

Even if it had, the relevant considerations would have been the same as those to be applied where an application for planning permission related to land not owned by the applicant.

If the condition was of a negative character and appropriate in the light of sound planning principles, the fact that it appeared to have no reasonable prospects of being implemented did not mean that the grant of planning permission subject to it would be irrational in the *Wednesbury* sense so that it would be unlawful to grant it.

If it was irrational to grant planning permission subject to a condition which had no reasonable prospects of being implemented then it must be no less irrational to refuse planning permission on the ground that a desirable condition had no reasonable prospects of implementation and therefore could not be imposed.

In truth, neither course was irrational. What was appropriate depended on the circumstances and was to be determined in the exercise of the discretion of the planning authority.

But the mere fact that a desirable condition appeared to have no reasonable prospects of fulfilment did not mean that planning permission had to be refused. Something more was required before that could be the correct result.

The secretary of state had misdirected himself in law in considering that imposition of the proposed condition regarding the access road to the development would be invalid.

His Lordship would allow the appeal and remit the matter to the secretary of state for reconsideration in the light of the judgment of the House.

Jones v Secretary of State for Wales and Ogwr Borough Council had been wrongly decided and had to be overruled.

Lord Templeman, Lord Jauncey, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Andrew Sim; Treasury Solicitor.

Holding employee to notice period

GFI Group Inc v Eaglestone

Before Mr Justice Holland

[Judgment October 5]

A highly paid, highly skilled options broker whose customer connections had been expensively fostered at his employer's expense would have been held to his obligation imposed by his contract of employment to refrain from engaging in any business other than that of his employer during a 20-week period of notice but for the fact that two fellow employees had completed their periods of notice and were already working for the employee's prospective new employer.

Mr Justice Holland so held in the Queen's Bench Division when varying an order obtained *ex parte* by the plaintiff employer, GFI Group Inc, restraining the defendant employee, Lawrence Eaglestone, until trial or further order from engaging in any business other than the business of the employer until December 23, 1993.

Mr Michael Burton, QC and Mr Alan Saggerson for the employee; Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC and Mr Adrian Lynch for the employer.

MR JUSTICE HOLLAND said that the employer acted as a middleman between potential buyers and sellers of "over-the-counter" options on currencies, government bonds and mortgage-backed securities.

The employee was an options broker on its dollar based foreign exchange desk. The working relationships built up by a good broker with his traders were potentially very profitable indeed to the employer.

In the past year on behalf of the employer the employee had paid out £59,616 by way of expenses aimed at nurturing his relationship with the trader customers.

The employee's contract of employment was determinable by either party giving 20 weeks notice. Clause 3 provided that the employee should not, without consent, during the continuance of the contract be engaged in any trade or business other than the business of the employer.

Earlier in the year an approach on the part of brokers intent on entering into competition with the employer resulted in letters, dated August 5, 1993, from the employee and two fellow employees giving notice to terminate their employment.

The employer obtained the *ex parte* order which the employee now sought to have set aside or varied so as to allow him to work for the competitor before the termination of the 20-week notice period.

Both parties had invited the court to approach the matter on the basis that the contract provided continuing obligations, in particular those raised by clause 3.

Further, the employer undertook to pay the employee his salary and bonuses to the end of the period covered by any order and not to claim back such sums as damages for breach of contract.

The employee was an exceptionally highly paid employee of experience and standing who had had his personal relationships with the employer's customers carefully and expensively fostered at the employer's expense.

Were he to move directly to a commercial rival he would enable such rival to have some substantial benefit from the customer connection built up through the employer's employment of and investment in him.

Unless there was an interim period between employments the employer would suffer damage, reflected in loss of goodwill, which could not be readily quantifiable in terms of damages.

Turning to the balance of convenience governing the issuing of the remedy, the only question, given the undertakings tendered, was whether the order should be sustained for the full 20 weeks.

There was strong guidance from the authorities that a court should not grant more relief than was absolutely necessary to protect the situation.

The fellow employees, who were on a four-week notice period, were now working for the competitor.

Given that, the question was whether it was really necessary, in order to protect the interests of the employer, for the remainder of the 20 weeks to pass before the employee could join them.

His Lordship had come to the view that the best balance was to substitute a period of 13 weeks and vary the order to restrain the employee until November 4.

Had it not been for the position of the fellow employees his Lordship would have been strongly motivated to hold the employee to his word.

If there was a current impression that the periods in contracts negotiated with highly paid, highly skilled employees did not have the meaning that they purported to have, then the sooner that was corrected the better.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte; Magrath & Co.

Court has no jurisdiction to hear appeal

Regina v Jennings
Regina v Johnson
Regina v Mullins

Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment September 27]

The Court of Appeal had no jurisdiction to entertain applications for leave to appeal against a refusal by a crown court judge at a preparatory hearing to order counts in the indictment to be severed from the rest, an application for severance not being one of the purposes set out in section 7(1)(a) to (d) of the Criminal Justice Act 1987.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing applications for leave to appeal by Malcolm Jennings and Charles Alan Johnson, two of three defendants, against the refusal of Judge Michael Addison at Portsmouth Crown Court on December 9, 1992 to grant their applications to sever two counts, not against them but against the third defendant, Alexander James Mullins, from the twelve counts in the indictment.

Section 7 of the 1987 Act provides: "(1) Where it appears to a judge of the crown court that the evidence on an indictment reveals a case of fraud of such seriousness and complexity that substantial benefits are likely to accrue from a [preparatory hearing] before the jury are sworn, for the purpose of — (a) identifying issues which are likely to be material to the verdict of the jury; (b) assisting their comprehension of any such issues; (c) expediting the proceedings before the jury; or (d) assisting the judge's management of the trial, he may order that such a hearing shall be held."

Section 9 provides: "(1) At the preparatory hearing the judge may exercise any of the powers specified in this section . . .

"(3) He may determine — . . . (c) any . . . question of law relating to the case."

Section 9(11) provided for an appeal but only with the leave of the judge or of the Court of Appeal.

Mr Christopher Clark, QC and Mr Justin Gau for the Crown; Mr Raymond Walker, QC and Mr Bruce Stuart for Jennings; Mr Daniel Hollis, QC and Mr Geoffrey Birch for Johnson; Mr David Howard Evans, QC and Mr Mark Ellison for Mullins.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said the first question was whether the Court of Appeal had jurisdiction to entertain at that interlocutory stage an appeal against a refusal to sever counts made on a preparatory hearing held under section 7 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987.

On September 22, the Court of Appeal, identically constituted, in the case of *R v Virani* heard a submission by counsel for the Crown on a similar application to the effect that there was no right of appeal under section 9(11). The court then expressed the view that it was not attracted by that submission, but the matter was not substantially argued and the court was not referred to the case of *In re Gunawardena, Harbutt and Banks* ([1990] 1 WLR 703) and *R v Moore* (unreported, February 5, 1991).

In *Gunawardena* the appellants were charged with corruption and complex fraud, and at the preparatory hearing an application was made to stay the indictment, on the basis of an abuse of process as a result of long delay.

The trial judge rejected the application, concluding that he had no jurisdiction to grant leave to appeal under section 9(11).

The Court of Appeal, on an application for leave, refused the application and held that for the purposes of section 9 the right of appeal was limited to circumstances giving rise to matters in connection with paragraphs (a) to (d) of section 7(1).

It might be possible to argue that an application seeking severance, for the purpose of reducing complexity, might be capable of giving rise to a right of appeal under paragraph (a), but even if such an appeal were possible it would in any event relate to an exercise of the judge's discretion and it could only succeed if that discretion were shown to have been fundamentally flawed.

But that was not the present case; the basis for the application here was not complexity but prejudice.

The court would only add that there had recently been a plethora of applications for leave to appeal against judges' rulings at preparatory hearings. Such applications, by their nature, had to be dealt with urgently. The consequence was that, as in this case in particular, final appeals had to be taken out of the list, with consequential continued anxiety to appellants.

There was a clear duty on barristers and solicitors, to be underlined where public funding was involved, to scrutinise anxiously to see (i) whether there was jurisdiction in the court to entertain the appeal, and (ii) whether there was any real prospect of successfully arguing that the judge's exercise of his discretion had been fundamentally flawed. If it appeared that such anxious scrutiny had not taken place, the court would not be slow to make appropriate orders as to costs.

The court's conclusion was that it had no jurisdiction to entertain the applications, but if that were wrong, the court had no hesitation in saying that the applications were without merit.

Solicitors: Serious Fraud Office; Betesh Fox & Co, Manchester; Lloyd Brennand & Co, Brentford; Stephenson Harwood.

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Squidgers, squops and the flip side of success



FREUD ON FRIDAY



Myers is a study in concentration as he takes aim before launching his quest to retain the world tiddly-winks title in Oxford tonight. Photograph: James Morgan

The 39th challenge for the world tiddly-winks title takes place this evening in a private room at St Cross College, Oxford. The champion, an Englishman from Hendon, won the title in Boston, Massachusetts, in September 1992, has comfortably defended it twice and is favourite to retain it. This week, I invited him to dinner.

The world champion arrived carrying a roll of white industrial super-felt and a cigar box containing his equipment. He is slight, studious, bespectacled, looks like a ringer for the man on the No 13 omnibus; turned out to be the man on the No 13 omnibus.

Mr Geoffrey Myers, for it is he, is 25 years old, has a first-class degree in economics from Cambridge, a masters from Oxford, and works as a senior economic assistant at the Office of Fair Trading.

He drank a glass of Sancerre, sweated a bit, posed for the photographer with practised ease while using a two-inch squidger to flick winks into the small red plastic pot with deadly accuracy.

Success at tiddly-winks, he explained, is a mixture of skill, tactics and strategy. The championship tonight is contested over seven games, each consisting of 20 minutes foreplay, whereafter red, green, blue and yellow have five rounds at the pot apiece. Dinner will be served after two games and play resumes at 8pm. The result should be available to a waiting world by ten o'clock.

What will there be for dinner? He shrugs his shoulders. There is no traditional tiddly-winks food. Real ale is the popular drink.

In Britain, the game at the highest level is played only at Oxford, Cambridge and St Andrews, seems to appeal to scientists rather than students of the arts, is shunned by women, has not yet attracted black or oriental support.

I ask how long it takes to achieve genuine proficiency.

Myers said it took him about two years to get to *championship standard, then* another two years before he started to win. His great moment came in Massachusetts when he took the title by 25 points to 24, his opponent having had a pot to win ... *which he missed.*

How was the atmosphere? Myers said it was electric.

How big the crowd? Myers said it was in the high single figures, though tonight there is every likelihood of this being exceeded.

The real problem, he opined as he ate poached salmon with mousseline sauce, is that the crowd needs a certain level of knowledge to understand the game. For the opening phase it will see *the players position themselves* advantageously, rarely achieving a pot-out, but building piles as high as ten winks, deploying intricate positional strategies, thinking three or four moves ahead. They deliberate *on the hardware as golfers do ... though in* tiddly-winks there is no limit to the number of utensils you may carry.

The world champion has eight different squidgers with which to propel the winks: a two-inch squidger with a sharp, firm edge for potting — though if it is very close to the pot *and the wink is small* (they come in two sizes for no particular reason other than to make it more difficult), he *would deploy the one-inch* flexible squidger. There is a squidger for a low squop (squop is when a wink covers another and holds it captive, until it, in turn, is squopped and released), and one for "*uncultured shots*", *like* breaking up a sizable pile. "You play to your advantage, that is what the skill of the *game is about,*" *Myers* explained.

> 'How was the atmosphere? Myers said it was electric. How big the crowd? He said it was in the high single figures'

I had rather intended to challenge the world champion, had considered the consequences of my victory: the glory, the plaque on my house, the fans waiting outside for autographs.

We did not play. I watched Myers squidge a wink from *under the lip of the concave* cup high into the air and straight into the receptacle; then squidge another 15 inches along the felt to land squarely on an opponent and realised that my playing the world champion at tiddly-winks would be as close a contest as my challenging Pete Sampras at tennis.

Also, he admitted that in the 13 months since winning the world championship, he has yet to be mobbed at all, which gave me even less incentive.

Myers ate blackcurrant jelly and cream, drank both white and red wine, took his coffee black without sugar — though today he will eschew *caffeine in order to ensure a* steady hand.

After a while he rolled up his felt, kindly offered to leave me a box of winks and squidgers.

"We are aware that tiddly-winks, *at the moment*, is only a minority sport," the publicity officer of the society had written, "but we are anxious to see the game increase in stature."

Their motto is: ***Hic squop ibi squop ubique squop squop.***

If the Savoy Theatre is reluctant to provide the venue for the next championship contest, perhaps old McDonalds will.

Bowlers at sixes and sevens in lively exchanges

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES IN SUN CITY, FLORIDA

COMPETITORS in the Atlantic Rim outdoor bowls championships at Sun City Center, Florida, are, quite literally, at sixes and sevens. Big counts are enlivening the proceedings and changing the course of many matches.

Round three had seen a flurry of sevens, three of them bringing late victories to Wales and Guernsey in triples and Ireland in pairs.

Round six, yesterday, was replete with sixes: Scotland hit Jersey for six in triples, but dropped a six against the Channel Islanders in pairs; *Namibia scored a six against* the United States on the way to a notable double; England and Wales both claimed sixes *in a triples encounter.*

Rita Jones's Welsh trio, unbeaten in their first five matches, looked to be heading for a comfortable victory over England, skippered by Margaret Heggie, when two fateful ends *scuppered their chances.* Leading 12-6 after ten ends, they trailed 12-7 after 12, having dropped a fashionable six followed by a five.

Wales exacted revenge in the pairs, however, when Linda Evans and Betty Morgan spoiled England's clean sheet, having much the better of the second half. Gwen Daniel, of Cornwall, and Norma Shaw, of Durham, were level with the Welsh 6-6 at ten ends, but conceded 12 shots to seven over the last 11.

Guernsey's 15-14 victory in the triples was a blow to South African morale. They had lost by the same margin to Jersey on Wednesday.

RESULTS: Pairs: Fifth round: Scotland (J Lindores and S McCrone) bt United States, 29-14; Namibia bt Spain, 28-11, South Africa bt Jersey (M LeMarquand and S Syvret), 24-8; *Ireland (B Cameron and P Nolan) bt* Wales (L Evans and B Morgan), 28-12; Guernsey (J Nicolle and A Simon) bt Argentina, 24-18; England (G Daniel and N Shaw) bt Canada, 23-9. Sixth round: Namibia bt United States, 27-19; Scotland bt Jersey, 29-16; Ireland bt Spain, 21-12; South Africa bt Guernsey, 22-14; Wales bt England, 18-13; Canada bt Argentina, 19-13.

Triples: Fifth round: United States bt Scotland (S Gourlay, J Maxwell, F Whyte), 15-14; Spain bt Namibia, 20-19; South Africa bt Jersey (S Nightingale, V Stead, J Jones), 19-18; Wales (M Davies, V Howell, R Jones) bt Ireland (N Allely, C O'Gorman, F Elliott), 17-11; Guernsey (J Simon, E Thompson, S Paul) bt Argentina, 26-16; England (S Page, E Bessell, M Heggie) bt Canada, 23-18. Sixth round: Namibia bt United States, 18-13; *Scotland bt Jersey, 22-15; Ireland* bt Spain, 24-15; Guernsey bt South Africa, 15-14; England bt Wales, 25-19; Canada bt Argentina, 23-12.

Senna let off hook to race in Australia

BY OLIVER HOLT

AYRTON *Senna will not face* punishment for his alleged attack on the Irish driver, Eddie Irvine, until after the Australian grand prix next week, Max Mosley, president of the sport's governing body, the International Automobile Federation, said yesterday.

It had been thought that the federation might suspend Senna before the last race of the season, in Adelaide on November 7, after he had *punched Irvine during* a dispute over race tactics following the Japanese grand prix last Sunday, which Senna won. Irvine, who was driving in his first grand prix, is considering legal action against Senna.

"We are still waiting for a report from officials," Mosley said. "It will be examined and *we will decide if we should* take further action. Nothing can happen before the next World Council meeting on December 10."

Senna is expected to dominate the championship next season after his move to Williams, but the FIA, which stepped back from disciplining Alain Prost before the *beginning of this season* over comments he made about the way the sport was governed, could stamp its authority on Formula One and throw the race for the drivers' title wide open if it suspend the Brazilian for several races in 1994.

☐ Qatar is to build a $30 million desert race track that it has been assured will join the Formula One circuit from 1996. Mohamed bin Fahd al Thani, the head of the Qatar Automobile Club and a member of the ruling family, and Bernie Ecclestone, the head of the Formula One Constructors Association, will sign a contract in Doha next week guaranteeing to put the emirate on the racing map in three years.

Dexter's duties to be divided

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SPECULATION over who should run the affairs of the England cricket team is set to continue until next spring but one thing emerged plainly yesterday. Ted Dexter, who resigned in August as chairman of the England committee, will be replaced not by one man but by two.

A special meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board at Edgbaston was called specifically for discussion rather than decisions and no individual candidates were proposed. But a majority view of delegates, which surely cannot be ignored, believes that responsibility for selecting and administering the national team should no longer fall under the same umbrella.

The likely outcome, though probably no sooner than next March, is a return to the role of chairman of selectors, last held by Peter May in 1988 but now to be answerable to an England committee with a different chairman. Both committees would report to the Board's cricket committee, chaired by Ossie Wheatley, which would remain the primary source of direction for the English game.

This, to the cynically inclined, may seem suspiciously like the guilty men hiding behind an ever-increasing number of committees but it is an idea of some merit when the sheer volume of administration connected with the national teams is considered. Playing and preparation schedules for senior, A-team and age-group sides are ever more demanding to organise, quite apart from the complex requirements of diverse but essential sponsorships.

This was the work undertaken by Dexter, unseen and widely unappreciated even by a number of counties, let alone by those intent only on lampooning him for the failings of the Test team. Eventually, and inevitably, he was driven out of office by miconceptions and mischief-making.



Mike Smith: candidate

It would have been wasteful if Dexter's demise had led to the disbanding of the England committee before its methods could be fairly judged. Thankfully, following yesterday's meeting, this is unlikely.

Alan Smith, the chief executive of the board, said: "The England committee will stay in being and much of its work was warmly commended. Members of the board did feel, though, that the function of selection should be hived off."

Within the new division of duties, the England committee's work *would continue as* before but without the false accountability for picking the right players. If the county chairmen have their way, this higher-profile job will be carried out under a chairman whose links with the game may be more recent than those of some of his predecessors. He will work with the captain, team manager and up to three additional selectors, who may be appointed on a regional basis.

The timetable for this projected structure will not please those clamouring for an immediate cure to the ills of the England team. "There is no feeling of panic," Smith said, "though everyone is naturally concerned we appoint the right men."

The board's executive committee is to draw up formal proposals, reflecting views expressed yesterday, and these will be further discussed at a scheduled meeting in December. Counties will be asked for their nominations for the various available posts during January and February. All should be made public in March.

By that time, England's fate in the Caribbean, where they play five Test matches and five one-day internationals, may also be clear. It is not a tour likely to lift the mood of anxiety surrounding national affairs but its conduct, on and off the field, will help decide the future role of the tour manager, Mike Smith, who is the notional favourite to take over as England committee chairman, if not as chairman of selectors.

Sutton take aim at goal of consistency

BY ALEX RAMSAY

WHILE the rest of the women's national hockey league takes a weekend off, Sutton Coldfield travel to Liverpool seeking to repeat their success against Hightown last month, when they won 3-1.

That match was a *turning point for* Sutton, their first win of the season and their first league win over Hightown since 1990. Victory on Saturday would put the Birmingham side level on points with the leaders, Slough and Leicester, and put them back in the firing line as the championship race gains momentum.

With the league contested on a home-and-away basis, Sutton have the chance to make up for their quiet start to the season. Having *defeated the champions,* Ipswich, two weeks ago, they believe they are on a roll.

The elder statesman of the side, Jane Swinnerton, is still scoring goals at the age of 39 and relishing the challenge of facing her former England and Great Britain colleague, Maggie Souyave, the player-coach of Hightown.

At the age of 40, Souyave is also proving that youth is no match for experience.

"We have had a few changes this year," Swinnerton said. "We lost a few players and we have only now adjusted to it. I don't think anybody thought we would do well this year and that has taken the pressure off us."

Swinnerton is the second highest goalscorer in the league this season and has finished joint leading scorer for the past two seasons.

"Scoring goals is something you can't teach: you just have an instinct for it," she said. "Over the last two or three years I have built up a good understanding with Jane Sixsmith and she knows where I want the ball placed."

Swinnerton knows the match on Saturday will be testing, but she has learnt to overcome such obstacles.

Over the years she has had more than her fair share of injuries, breaking bones in her jaw, cheek and foot, and has had to play through a series of back injuries. These days she copies the England training regime and works closely with *John Brewer at Lilleshall to keep her* joints in working order.

"I've always loved training but now I have to have more respect for my body," she said. "We have played Hightown so many times we know them well. After last month their pride is hurt and they have a lot to prove.

"We are quietly confident and I don't care who scores the goals so long as we win."

Smyth leads after day of scoreboard confusion

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DES Smyth, the 40-year-old Irishman, was jubilant after shooting a seven-under-par 65 to lead the field after the first round of the Madrid Open at the Puerta de Hierro golf club yesterday.

"This is my best round for a long time and the best score I have had this year," he said.

"This was a really easy 65. Sometimes you scramble a good score by chipping in and knocking in long putts, but today I played really well and I'm very pleased."

Smyth's round, which gave him a one-shot lead over the *Spanish amateur, Luis* Gabarda, and a two-shot lead over the Spanish professional Juan Quirós, was one of the few consistent features of a chaotic day.

The tournament was delayed by 20 minutes because yesterday's torrential rain had flooded all the bunkers and greens, and preferred lies were allowed on the fairways.

The greenkeeping staff, beginning at first light, did a magnificent job in getting the *course ready so quickly*, but inexperienced scoreboard operators got 19 of the first 81 scores wrong.

Even Smyth, who started at the 10th hole, was puzzled. He said: "I saw from the leaderboards that I was five under par for my first nine holes when I was only four. They gave me a birdie two at the 17th where I had a par three. It could only happen to an Irishman."

Unfortunately, that was not *the case as 18 other players* found they were credited with scores higher or lower than they had achieved.

Smyth, however, was not concerned. He had five birdies and an eagle three at the 499-yard 15th hole with only two putts of more than 12 feet.

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Whitaker leads on novice Elton

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN MILLSTREET

MICHAEL Whitaker made a dramatic start to the Millstreet World Cup Show when he and the inexperienced *Dutch-bred* stallion, Elton, went into the lead in the opening international speed class after a spectacular round against the clock. Whitaker started riding the *seven-year-old stallion, owned by the Belgian, Guido* Brownings, only three weeks ago.

He brought him to *Millstreet "to continue his* education", thinking he would just take him gently round a few small classes. But Whitaker, who hates not winning, changed his mind in the ring. "I thought I'd try him out and see what happened," Whitaker said after his round. The powerful stallion, who has been to five local shows and not touched a fence, gave a copybook response, completing the 12-fence course clear in 46.56sec.

David Broome had held the early lead in the competition when he and Feedback produced the first clear round. But his time of 51.34 ws quickly put into perspective by Whitaker. Whitaker's wife, *Veronique, was also clear on* Everest Flarepath, the horse she will ride in the Volvo World Cup qualifier tomorrow, but collected a quarter of a time fault.

Earlier, Noel Duggan, the owner of Millstreet, disclosed that, against his better judgement, he would withdraw his famous bank from Sunday's Derby in accordance with the new ruling from the International Equestrian Federation, (FEI) banning indoor banks. *But the entrepreneurial* Duggan had harsh words for the FEI — which instigated the ban following the death of the Swiss horse, Sir Arkay, on the ill-conceived Wembley bank a year ago.

"It is ridiculous," Duggan said, "that the FEI should condemn a tried and tested obstacle because of those who tried to emulate it elsewhere — unsuccessfully. Look at what's happened in British eventing *this year, but they don't ban* an obstacle just because an accident has occurred there."

Duggan designed and built his bank, at a cost of nearly £30,000, three years ago and welcomed by both spectators *and riders. Two hundred* horses have jumped down it, all without injury. Duggan, who comes from a long line of horsemen, has always made the safety of the horse paramount. He insists that all horses coming down the bank wear studs in their shoes to make sure they do not slip.

Many of the riders at the show this week have been asking Duggan if there is anyway the bank can still be incorporated in the course but Duggan accepts that this is impossible. "I'm not going to take the FEI on," he said. "Little people in big positions make it difficult for big people in little places. I think they've made a mistake but I don't think a legal battle would do anyone any good."

Michael Whitaker, last year's winner, starts as favourite for Sunday's £30,000 Derby with Monsanta. Duggan was giving little away about the course yesterday but said he had "new ideas" to replace them.



Broome: surprise leader

Rugby's changing face hides eternal truth



GERALD DAVIES

Rugby Commentary

There is a concept called "the modern game" in rugby union that serves as much as a celebration of the speed and fitness nowadays required as it does an apology for a more pragmatic approach, say, to tactics. Disappointment in any lack of adventure is invariably ascribed to the modern game. Implicit also is the idea that there is nothing much that the past can teach the present.

Rugby football in its new manifestation is barely recognisable, it is widely felt, from the game our stern and moustached forefathers played. What on earth would they know, they may argue, of back-row forwards and the insidious influence of the turnover law which allows a multitude of forwards to stand off and put a stop to adventurous threequarter play.

So much has changed, the man will happily pontificate while holding his newly-acquired coaching certificate before going his confident way to put his "modern" ideas to work. It is so different, the player will agree as he moans once more at the demands made on his precious time. I do not suppose they can be blamed for believing all this. It is not hard to be taken in by the modern brouhaha surrounding the game. What we all see on the surface may indeed be very modern. We may also be convinced by what we hear.

It is with some trepidation, then, that we dare to delve into the past. For who, after all, wants to be numbered among the grey beards? Who wants to be labelled a mawkish old sentimentalist?

But we must not be taken in: return we sometimes must. For in doing so we may learn a good deal. Take this:

"I have heard it argued that the Welsh backs of today have not, owing to the machinations of the winging forwards, the same scope as those of two or three decades ago and I quite agree, but it is simply because nothing's done to circumvent their [wingers'] activities. As far back as my playing days we had to cope with the winging forwards of the other countries.

"CV Rooke of Ireland was, I believe, the originator: England had their Pilmans, Scotland never failed to start with a couple of spoilers and they were all like cats among the pigeons if we persisted in heeling and passing. But when we found our backs too much interfered with the instructions were given to the pack, who were usually chosen with the strict eye to their scrumming abilities, to cease heeling, to push, wheel and to make it generally a robust forward game. This almost invariably resulted in forcing the 'shirkers' back into the scrum. We were then very frequently able to indulge in Welsh back play. It was a matter of mixing our tactics."

The language gives the game away — "around winging forwards" — and the names of some of the shirkers of the era. Yet it has a familiar ring.

And the author of the words? Well, it all goes back to Gwyn Nicholls, who played 24 times for Wales in the first decade of the century and appeared in the centre against the All Blacks in 1905. The piece was written as a foreword to a book published in 1937 by Cliff Jones, who died three years ago.

But is it really that old fashioned? What a furore has arisen over the new laws and how it is said the midfield gets crowded with present-day "shirkers". If this is the case nowadays the author provided an answer 60 years ago. Simply mix your tactics.

"May I say," the author concluded, "that 50 per cent of our forwards although essentially scrummagers were versatile and could be made wingers if the necessity arose." So much for the expectation of today's forwards with their acknowledged athleticism. The game may change in appearances but the eternal verities, you must never forget, remain the same.

Freeman on mission to silence his best critic

Christopher Irvine talks to Gary Freeman, captain of New Zealand's rugby league team, who must rally his side at Wigan tomorrow

RICHARD KILLE



Freeman, the New Zealand captain, will be called on for inspiration in his record-breaking appearance

WHEN a match has finished, Gary Freeman, the New Zealand rugby league touring party captain, judges a performance on one opinion. His wife's silence is the sign of a job well done. Talk means trouble, and following the recent 17-0 defeat by Great Britain at Wembley, the ears of her chastened husband were suitably burnt.

"Julanne had plenty to say, and what she reckoned was dead right," Freeman said. He agrees New Zealand looked lost in the first international.

For a player whose trademark is the socks around his ankles, Freeman has spent the past two weeks pulling up those of the rest for the second encounter at Wigan tomorrow. New Zealand know the importance of this match.

Iestyn Harris, 17, after a highly promising first appearance with a Great Britain under-21 side during the defeat by New Zealand on Tuesday, makes his senior debut on the wing in the Stones Bitter Championship tonight for third-placed Warrington against Leigh.

Chris Bibb, 25, the Featherstone Rovers and former Great Britain full back, has been placed on the transfer list at £90,000 after staying away from the club because he is unhappy with terms offered in a new contract.

Keeping the three-match series alive depends on it, and the New Zealanders, as they have done for seven years, will trust that Freeman can again be their inspiration. The 31-year-old scrum half, all 5ft 7in and 11st 11lb of him, has not often let them down in leading from the front and, having lost round one to Shaun Edwards, he craves for revenge against the Britain No 7.

Not that Freeman played badly in the opening match; all around him was inhibition and inexperience. But that excuse cannot be applied to the remodelled side tomorrow. Tie-up Freeman and you effectively shackle the team, opponents believe. Without anyone to break the bonds in the first game, the influence of the captain dimmed and New Zealand finished well beaten.

Freeman carries this burden with disarming calm. His impishness is as marked off the field as on it. He brushes aside the New Zealand record of 36 international appearances he will establish in the match at Central Park, with the same dismissiveness he treats tacklers, although it means more to him than he would ever admit.

Just to prove that rugby league is not immune to complicated statistical wrangling, Dane O'Hara (1977-86) and Jock Butterfield (1954-63) also played 36 times for New Zealand, but O'Hara's total included an appearance in 1978 against Papua New Guinea before that country was awarded international status. Butterfield played against a Northern Hemisphere XIII in 1957, but that, too, does not count under British international guidelines.

Since his debut against Australia in 1986, Freeman has been a constant and reassuring presence under four New Zealand coaches. Talk of early retirement at the end of this tour has proved premature and the World Cup in England in 1995 now provides an obvious swansong. In the midweek team, Aaron Whittaker has proved himself a highly capable understudy on this tour, but Freeman remains the powerful focal point of the international side.

Totems are not usually so slight. With Freeman, appearances are particularly deceptive. If not with the ball, he is rarely more than a few feet away from it. In his hands and at his feet he has a mesmeric quality. "You'll never prevent an incredible workrate, but Freeman is the man you know you have to stop or he'll start dancing rings round you," Malcolm Reilly, the Britain coach, said.

Ten years ago, Reilly, then coaching Castleford, rescued Freeman from the Kent Invicta fiasco. "That season at Wheldon Road was a wonderful learning process," Freeman said. "I'd only recently got a chance with Auckland, but I think every player should come to England in order to develop themselves. I had a downer on myself in the early days, but at Castleford I developed physically under Malcolm's guidance and as an attacking ball player."

His tearing apart of Australia in 1987 propelled him from Auckland to the Winfield Cup competition and Balmain, whom he helped to two Sydney grand finals, and later Eastern Suburbs. Three years ago he was voted the world's best scrum half. On signing a lucrative new contract with Penrith recently, Eastern Suburbs' supporters at Bondi Junction blocked the lines of a radio show appealing to him to stay.

As with much of Freeman's career, his latest move has not been without controversy. The Eastern Suburbs' management was livid at his decision and dropped him. Before the tour, he had not played since August. The Freeman of old might have responded differently. The desire still burns strongly, but a fiery temperament is becalmed — "our little bloke, Krys, knocks the stuffing out of me for any of that nonesense," Freeman said.

On the eve of a crucial match, Freeman will gather his players for words of encouragement. Confidence would grow from a repeat of the exhibition Freeman gave Edwards in the recent defeat of Wigan. Then, he might look forward to seeing his wife and her sounds of silence.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Proctor returns but Walker still injured

WAYNE Proctor returns to win his seventh cap on the left wing in the Wales rugby union side to play Canada in Cardiff, on November 10, largely because Nigel Walker has yet to recover from the hamstring injury he sustained during the 55-5 win over Japan earlier this month. In the pack, Garin Jenkins and Andrew Lamerton swap places at hooker, Jenkins winning his tenth cap after missing last season's five nations' championship and the subsequent tour of Zimbabwe and Namibia because of suspension.

"We feel Nigel has to get his injured leg right for the future and we don't want to pressure him into returning too early," Robert Norster, the Welsh team manager, said. "We don't want another breakdown during an international."

WALES: A Clement (Swansea), I C Evans (Llanelli), I S Gibbs (Swansea), N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), W T Proctor (Llanelli); A Davies (Cardiff), R H St J B Moon (Llanelli); M Griffiths (Cardiff), G R Jenkins (Swansea), J D Davies (Neath), S Davies (Swansea), A H Copsey (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath), R L Jones (Llanelli), E W Lewis (Llanelli). Replacements: R N Jones (Swansea), M R Hall (Cardiff), A E Lamerton (Llanelli), H Williams-Jones (Llanelli), P T Davies (Llanelli), S Quinnell (Llanelli)

Swales in command

FOOTBALL: Peter Swales, the Manchester City chairman, had some uncomfortable moments and a defeat to swallow at the club's annual meeting yesterday, but by the end of the afternoon he was back in control (Peter Ball writes). The club board rejected the first formal bid by Francis Lee's consortium out of hand. But if Swales won the battle yesterday, he looks in for a war of attrition if Francis Lee's response is indicative. "As far as the campaign at Maine Road is concerned, that goes on indefinitely," Lee said last night. "There is no way we will be deflected by this rejection." The consortium showed its hand two days ago with two separate approaches. It offered £2 million for a 29.9 per cent shareholding, with an additional cash injection of £6 million to buy players. Alternatively, it offered £8 million for shares in a new rights issue.

Seeds suffer in Sweden

TENNIS: Jim Courier and Boris Becker were defeated in the Stockholm Open yesterday, leaving the tournament without its three leading seeds. Courier was beaten 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 by Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, in his third-round match, and MaliVai Washington, of the United States, stopped Becker 6-1, 6-3. Their defeats came after the world No 1, Pete Sampras, had lost to Carlos Costa on Wednesday. Courier, ranked No 2 in the world and hoping to gain ground on his rival, Sampras, began well by taking the first set tie-break, but his game fell apart as he produced a series of errors. Rosset, relying on his big serve and a solid game from the baseline, took the deciding tie-break 7-3.

Price leads top earners

GOLF: Nick Price heads the US PGA Tour money-list entering the final tournament this week, the Tour Championship in San Francisco, but Paul Azinger, Greg Norman and Payne Stewart are close behind in the race for the Arnold Palmer Trophy. Only the leading 30 money-leaders are eligible to compete in the $3 million (£2 million) Tour Championship, which began yesterday, and Azinger, Norman and Stewart all have a chance of overtaking Price by winning the $540,000 (£360,000) first prize in the world's richest tournament. Price, with $1,419,757 (£946,000) already earned, leads Azinger, the Arnold Palmer Trophy holder, who is only a few thousand dollars behind.

West Indies on top

CRICKET: West Indies made short work of Sri Lanka in the opening match of the Champions Trophy in Sharjah yesterday, dismissing Sri Lanka for 172 and passing their total for the loss of only two wickets. Kenny Benjamin and Anderson Cummins took three wickets each and the only Sri Lankan to score more than 30 was Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain, who made an unbeaten 83. Eight of his team-mates failed to reach double figures. Phil Simmons (92) and Richie Richardson (69 not out) put on 137 for West Indies' second wicket. West Indies meet Pakistan today.

Brave Wigan battle on

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan will not postpone their Stones Bitter Championship match against Castleford on Sunday, despite having five players missing because of international duties with Great Britain against New Zealand tomorrow. Bradford Northern, who trail Wigan on points difference, have three players on international business, but have also decided to go ahead with their home game against Salford. Leeds, with five on duty, and St Helens, two, have agreed to postpone their match at Headingley, while third-placed Warrington meet bottom-placed Leigh tonight.

Dittmar withdraws

SQUASH: Chris Dittmar, the world No 2 who yesterday castigated his fellow professionals when announcing his resignation as president of the Professional Squash Players' Association, has withdrawn from the world championships in Karachi next month because of a knee injury that has kept him off court since the Australian Open in August. The absence of the Australian captain will open opportunities in the individual event for Peter Marshall, the British No 1 ranked fifth in the world, and will reduce Australia's hopes of defending the team title.

McRae loses lead

MOTOR SPORT: Colin McRae, from Scotland, was yesterday forced into second place by the former world champion, Ari Vatanen, of Finland, on the penultimate section of the 3,800km Hong Kong to Peking rally. McRae had led for two days before Vatanen made his move. Possum Bourne, from New Zealand, is third, but little more than three minutes separates the trio. The final day begins today by the Great Wall of China and takes in the Ming tombs on the way to the finish at Tiananmen Square outside the Forbidden City.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

MEN'S EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group B: Panathinaikos (Gr) 83, Sporting Lisbon (Por) 73.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE TROPHY: First round: Leicester City Riders 81 (Treseant 28, Harris 14), John Carr Doncaster Panthers 59 (Barrett 12, Joseph 12, Jones 12).

BOXING

WEST BROMWICH: Professional bill: Cruiserweight: Robert Norton (Stourbridge) bt Kent Davies (Cwmbran), pts. Welter: Lindon Scarlett (Dudley) bt Chris Peters (Swindon), pts. Commonwealth middleweight championship: Richie Woodhall (Telford, champion) bt Garry Maddison (Can), pts. Light-welter: Mark McCreadh (Lincoln) bt John Smith (Liverpool), rsc 7th; Mark Elliott (Telford) bt Rob Shewart (Derwen), pts. Light: Gareth Jordan (Monmouth) bt Barry Madden (Birmingham), rsc 5th.

CRICKET

SHARJAH: Champions Trophy: Sri Lanka 172, in 48.5 overs (Benjamin 3-34, Cummins 3-32). West Indies 173-2, in 46 overs (P Simmons 92, R Richardson 69). West Indies won by 8 wickets.

FOOTBALL

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP: Quarter-finals, second legs: Gremio (Brazil) 0, Sao Paulo (Brazil) 1 (Sao Paulo win 3-2 on agg); Flamengo (Brazil) 1, River Plate (Argentina) 0 (agg score 2-2, Flamengo win 6-5 on pens). Estudiantes de la Plata (Argentina) 0 Atletico Nacional (Colombia) 1 (Nacional win 2-0 on agg).

Late results from Wednesday

COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: Derby 0, Tottenham 1; Liverpool 3, Ipswich 2; Manchester United 5, Leicester 1; Middlesbrough 1, Sheffield Wed 1; Nottingham Forest 2, West Ham 1; QPR 3, Millwall 0; Wimbledon 2, Newcastle 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Gateshead 3, Witton 0.

B & Q Cup: Quarter-finals: Falkirk 4, Dunfermline 1; Meadowbank 1, Montrose 1 (aet, Meadowbank won 3-1 on pens).

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Replays: Whitby Town 0, Stalybridge Celtic 1; Harrow Borough 1, V3 Rugby 2.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Third round: Hereford United 3, Mostyn 0.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Everton 3, Blackburn 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Manchester United 3; York City 1, Coventry City 1. Second division: Barnsley 1, Middlesbrough 1; Burnley 3, Hull City 0; Grimsby Town 0, Huddersfield Town 0; Oldham Athletic 3, Bradford City 1; Port Vale 1, Rotherham United 0; Tranmere Rovers 1, West Bromwich Albion 2.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Oxford United 1, Chelsea 1; Portsmouth 1, Crystal Palace 0; Southampton 3, Luton Town 1; Swindon Town 2, Millwall 1, Tottenham Hotspur 2, Arsenal 2; Wimbledon 4, Bristol Rovers 0. League Cup: Hereford United 1, Cardiff City 2; Swansea City 1, Birmingham City 1; Torquay United 2, Exeter City 1; Yeovil Town 2, Bournemouth 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: Warrington Town 1, Lincoln City 3.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Fleetwood 0, Morecambe 6. Postponed: Winsford v Knowsley United. First division: Alfreton Town 3, Guiseley 1; Lancaster City 1, Bamber Bridge 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull 1, Nuneaton 0. Midland division: Newport AFC 0, Weston-super-Mare 1; Sutton Coldfield Town 2, Grantham Town 4.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham 1, Marlow Town 3. Third division: Oxford City 0, Harefield United 0.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hucknall Town 0, North Ferriby United 1.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Second round: First leg: Maesteg Park 2, Llanelli 3.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: League Cup: Brandon United 2, Newcastle Blue Star 1; Eppleton CW 2, Crook Town 0; Evenwood Town 1, Blyth Spartans 2; Guisborough Town 2, Peterlee 0; Hebburn 4, Darlington CB 3; Murton 5, Norton 0; Northallerton Town 5, Washington 2; Prudhoe East End 1, Tow Law Town 1; Willington 2, Stockton 7; Shildon 4, Durham City 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Odd Down 0, Paulton Rovers 2. Postponed: Minehead v Tiverton Town. First division: Redstock Town 4, Bridport 0.

TNT GOLD CUP: Semi-final: Glentoran 1, Distillery 2 (aet, 1-1 at 90 min).

GERMAN CUP: Third round: Borussia Mönchengladbach 1, SC Karlsruhe 0 (played in Düsseldorf). Fourth round: SC Freiburg 3, Hansa Rostock 0; Bayer Leverkusen 0, Augsburg 0 (aet, Bayer Leverkusen win 4-3 on pens); Werder Bremen 4, Hamburger SV 2.

ITALIAN CUP: Second round: First leg: Internazionale 2, Lucchese 0. Second legs: Cremonese 0, Brescia 2 (Brescia win 4-2 on agg); Cesena 1, Cagliari 0 (Cesena win 2-1 on agg), Venezia 4, Juventus 3 (Venezia win 5-4 on agg); Ancona 3, Napoli 2 (Ancona win 3-2 on agg); Avellino 0, Lazio 0 (Avellino win 2-0 on agg); AS Roma 1, Padova 0 (AS Roma win 2-1 on agg); Vincenza 1, AC Milan 1 (AC Milan win 4-1 on agg); Triestina 0, Foggia 4 (Foggia win 6-2 on agg); Atalanta 4, Cosenza 2 (Atalanta win 6-2 on agg); Perugia 1, Piacenza 0 (Piacenza win 3-2 on agg); Palermo 0, Parma 2 (Parma win 4-0 on agg); Lecce 3, Udinese 2 (Udinese win 4-3 on agg); Reggiana 0, Fiorentina 0 (Fiorentina win 3-0 on agg); Pisa 0, Sampdoria 0 (aet, 0-0 on agg, Sampdoria win 3-1 on pens).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 8, Los Angeles 3; Philadelphia, 5 Ottawa 2; Winnipeg 4, Tampa Bay 3; Dallas 5, Hartford 1; Buffalo 5, Calgary 3; Washington 4, Vancouver 2.

ICE SKATING

HAMAR, Norway: Pirouetten competition: Men's technical programme: 1, S Davis (US), 0.5; 2, E Stojko (Can), 1.0; 3, P Candeloro (Fr), 1.5.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Poole 57, Ipswich 51. Second division: Long Eaton 56, Swindon 52.

TENNIS

STOCKHOLM: Men's tournament: Second round: M Rosset (Switz) bt J Palmer (US), 6-4, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt H Holm (Swe) 7-5, 6-1; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; C Costa (Sp) bt P Sampras (US), 7-6, 2-6, 6-1. Third round: M Rosset (Switz) bt J Courier (US), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; M Washington (US) bt B Becker (Ger), 6-1, 6-3; P Korda (Cz Rep) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 3-6, 6-2, 7-6. ESSEN, Germany: Women's tournament: First round: N Dahlmann (Fin) bt S Appelmans (Bel), 7-5, 7-5; K Maleeva (Bul) bt L Golarsa (It), 6-1, 6-4. Second round: C Martinez (Sp) bt B Ritzner (Ger), 6-3, 6-4; A Huber (Ger) bt W Probst (Ger), 6-4, 2-6, 7-5; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt S Talaja (Cro), 6-1, 6-1; N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) bt H Sukova (Cz Rep), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; C Martinez (Sp) bt B Ritzner (Ger), 6-3, 6-4; M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt L Meskhi (Georgia), 6-3, 6-1.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Combined XV 37, South Africans 55 (in Cordoba, Argentina) Northampton 25, SA Barbarians 51.

GOLF

MADRID: Madrid Open: First round: (British and Irish unless stated): 65: D Smyth, *L Gabarda (Sp), 67: J Cuoros (Sp), 68: V Baamonte (Sp), S Tinning (Den), D Gilford, M Davis, J Rivero (Sp), D Feherty, G Cali (It), A Sorensen (Den), D Hospital (Sp), P Fowler (Aus), J Spence. 69: K Waters, G Turner (NZ), B Lane, 69: M Pinero (Sp), S Richardson, A Murray, M Roe, B Marchbank, M Moreno (Sp). 69: M Besanconey (Fr). 70: A Pinero (Spa), D Borrago (Sp), R Lee, P Way, *I Pymen, S Luna (Sp), G Evans, D W Basson (SA), J Coceras (Arg), W Westner (SA), A Oldcorn, R Claydon. 71: P Walton, J Davila (Sp), P U Johansson (Swe), M James, H Clark, J Robinson, G J Brand, M Lanner (Swe), P Lawrie, A Caneasa (It), J Pavia, J Haeggman (Swe), H Selby-Green, M Krantz (Swe), J-M Carriles (Sp), A Garrido (Sp), R McFarlane, S Grappasonni (It). 72: G Garrido (Sp), S Struver (Ger), S Bowman (US), A Hare, I Garrido (Sp), M-A Martin (Sp), M Hallberg (Swe), J McHenry, P Eales, D Cooper, R Rafferty, A Sherborne, J Rozadilla (Sp), R Boxall, M Farry (Fr). 73: T Gladson (Ger), R Drummond, J Amus (Sp), *A Santarius (Sp), R Willson, C Moody, P Hall, E Romero (Arg), J-M Cerezares (Sp), D R Jones, J Townsend (US), A Forsbrand (Swe). 74: P McGinley, F Lindgren (Swe), P Price, S Field, E O'Connell, R Winchester, P Affleck, O Sellberg (Swe), J Garcia (Sp), M-A Jimanez (Sp), B Malley (US), R Karlsson (Swe), A Hunter, I Del Moral (Sp), M Mouland, D J Russell. Disq: M Poxon.

* denotes amateur

FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v Dundalk (8.00); Drogheda United v Shelbourne (7.45).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Charlton; Brighton v Ipswich (7.15).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Ulster v South African Barbarians (at Ravenhill).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Warrington v Leigh.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Skoda grand prix (Reading).

WORD WATCH

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SENESCHAL

(c) A steward or major-domo, an official to the household of a sovereign or great noble, to whom the administration of justice and entire control of domestic arrangements were entrusted, from Teutonic words meaning *senior + skalk* a servant: Milton, *Paradise Lost*: "Then marshall'd Feast/ Serv'd up in Hall with Sewers, and Seneschals."

SMEW

(c) A saw-billed duck, (*Mergus* or *Mergellus albellus*) belonging to the merganser group, the white nun, origin and relation to *smee* uncertain. The female is known as the *red-headed smew*: "The smew is seen in England only in winter."

FORFEX

(c) A pair of small nail scissors, from the Latin *forfex* pair of scissors, usually humorously pedantic; the *locus classicus* is in *The Rape of the Lock*, by Alexander Pope, 1712: "The peer now spreads the glitt'ring forfex wide,/ To inclose the lock."

GOSSOON

(b) A youth, a boy, a servant-boy, a lackey, chiefly Anglo-Irish, also *garsoon*, ultimately an alteration from the French *garçon*: *The Times*, 1884: "Two or three ragged gossoons were galloping on the flanks of the flock."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

With 1 Be6! White sets up dual threats of 2 Bxc8 and 2 Bxf5+ forking king and knight. Black has no good reply.

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Drum Taps raises tempo in rehearsal for Melbourne Cup

FROM RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

THE gum trees, swaying in an unseasonally strong wind, gave the game away. Not a sight one would expect at Sandown, England, but at Sandown, Australia, yesterday almost everything else appeared uncannily familiar as Drum Taps and Vintage Crop went through their paces in preparation for the Melbourne Cup next Tuesday.

The imminent debut of northern hemisphere horses in Australia's most famous race has the nation's public and professionals in a quandary exemplified by Bart Cummings, who has sent out the winner nine times.

Shortly after their arrival in Australia two weeks ago, Cummings proclaimed that Drum Taps, the dual Ascot Gold Cup winner, and Vintage Crop, the Cesarewitch and Irish St Leger victor, stood no chance. Too slow, too long a journey, no preparatory race was the accepted wisdom.

On Wednesday a rethink was demanded after Drum Taps turned in what was reported here as a "sensational" piece of work. Now the handicappers are blamed for giving Drum Taps and Vintage Crop too little weight in the two-mile handicap.

The truth probably lies somewhere in between. Drum Taps looks in fine fettle. The Lord Huntingdon-trained globe-trotter has a constitution matched only by his temperament: nothing, it seems, perturbs the seven-year-old.

Eddie Taylor, his lad, enthused about the well-being of Drum Taps before accompanying him in a gentle canter up the 4½-furlong incline on Sandown's chase course. Denis Coakley, assistant trainer to Lord Huntingdon, was equally bullish, but he was quick to put the "sensational" work into context.

"The horse Drum Taps worked with is not that good and his jockey weighed a stone more than Brent Thomson [on Drum Taps]. We would have been giving away three stone in a handicap so we had to look good. But the work was fine and he finished on the bridle. Everything has gone well. We have no complaints, just keeping our fingers crossed it will continue to go smoothly. The length of the journey here did not worry us, but it is a different hemisphere and that is something we have never done before. We won't really know until the race how he has taken it."

My feeling is that Drum Taps is in the kind of form which saw him lift the Ascot Gold Cup again this summer. Lord Huntingdon and Lanfranco Dettori are due today at Sandown, where the European horses have completed their period in quarantine.

Vintage Crop has taken more time to settle in and although he has put back on three of the seven kilos he lost because of the flight. Dermot Weld, his trainer, was deliberately cautious after watching his horse complete his first piece of serious work.

Weld has few superiors when it comes to preparing a horse for a big international race, but even he is stepping into unknown territory.

"We know so little about the opportune time to bring horses here. For America, I believe four days is the optimum time to bring a horse over for a grade one race. I have been successful in Hong Kong, where it is ten days. But I don't know the correct time for Australia. Perhaps it should have been six weeks rather than three. That is a distinct possibility.

"The workout was satisfactory. I was pleased with him but there is no substitute for a race. It is only then we will know whether acclimatisation was a factor."

The Australians believe in last-minute racing as the best preparation for the Cup. Twenty nine of the 39 acceptors for the Melbourne Cup are set to run at Flemington tomorrow in the Mackinnon Stakes or The Dalgetty. However, the home challenge for this year's renewal is recognised as the weakest for several years. If Drum Taps or Vintage Crop run to near their best, Australia could be brought to a standstill for longer than the few minutes tradition dictates.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GLOWING JADE
(4.15 Newmarket)
Next best: Boltrose
(2.55 Bangor)

Brooks adds dash of class to Kempton

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Congregation and Hywel Davies part company on the first circuit of the Kempton Antique Fair Novices' Chase yesterday

CHARLIE Brooks provided the highlight of Kempton's programme yesterday when he saddled Mere Class to a facile success in the Lushous Mobile Catering Handicap Chase (Julian Muscat writes).

Should Brooks, 30, uncover just a few more young prospects with Mere Class's ability, he may yet be in a position to keep Uplands Stables in Lambourn, which have been on the market since the end of last year. The seven-year-old looks a horse of some ability, even though yesterday's opposition was far from testing.

Graham Bradley's only anxious moment came when Mere Class hit the first fence. From that moment, however, Mere Class tracked Tompet before Bradley gently eased the gelding clear in the straight.

Brooks has a team of 30 at Uplands and this was his ninth domestic winner of the season. Black Humour, a contributor to that total, is on course for the Hennessy next month, while Celtic Shot, the stable's 1988 Champion Hurdle winner, is expected to rejoin the string shortly.

Brooks saw as many big-race triumphs when assistant to Fred Winter as Mark Bradstock did when attached to Fulke Walwyn. Bradstock, now in his third full season with a licence, has found winners hard to come by, so there was no disguising his delight at Some Day Soon's victory in the Kempton Antique Fair Novices' Chase.

Some Day Soon has been plagued by, of all things, an allergy to grass. The eight-year-old is fine in the summer, but the stress of training and racing sees his glands swell up.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
1.10 Green Green Desert. 1.40 Waiting. 2.10 Young Buster. 2.45 Ritto. 3.15 Scenic Dancer. 3.45 ALLWIGHT THEN (nap). 4.15 Glowing Jade.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 YOUNG BUSTER (nap). 3.15 Beaumont. 3.45 Recaptured Days.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 BLOWEDIFIKNOW.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.10 EBF RED LODGE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,581: 6f) (12 runners)

101 (5) ADDED DIMENSION (R Gilbert) J Gosden 9-0 ... R Cochrane –
102 (1) ALAZWAR (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 ... R Hills –
103 (8) D DANISH HEIGHTS 44 (G Tong) R Armstrong 9-0 ... R Price 88
104 (4) GREEN GREEN DESERT (Maria Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn –
105 (12) LAKE POET (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 ... W Carson –
106 (9) NEVER SO BLUE (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid –
107 (7) 000 TRADE WIND 10 (R Richards) D Elsworth 9-0 ... J Williams 89
108 (11) 0 FAVILLA 10 (Skyline Racing Ltd) A Foster 8-9 ... J Fortune 73
109 (6) 64 MILLRIDGE 80 (Bradmill Ltd) R Guest 8-9 ... W Woods 85
110 (2) 50 PRISCILLA ROSE 43 (P Doyle) C Allen 8-9 ... E Guest 77
111 (10) 0 TEN-TO-SIX GIRL 24 (B) (P McBean) W Hern 8-9 ... W Ryan –
112 (3) YAZEANHAA (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-9 ... Pat Eddery –

BETTING: 7-4 Green Green Desert, 7-2 Added Dimension, 4-1 Yazeanhaa, 8-1 Alazwar, Lake Poet, 12-1 others.

1992: SERIOUS 9-0 G Duffield (14-1) M Stoute 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

ADDED DIMENSION (foaled Mar 17, cost 29,000gns) Half-brother by Top Ville to five winners. ALAZWAR (Jan 27). Half-brother by Gulch to winning juvenile. DANISH HEIGHTS 10l 8th of 13 to Lituuk in maiden at Sandown (7f, soft). GREEN GREEN DESERT (Apr 17) Brother by Green Desert to 6f winner. LAKE POET (Mar 4). By Danzig, first foal of prolific American sprint winner. NEVER SO BLUE (Feb 15, 29,000gns). By Never So Bold out of winning stayer. TRADE WIND 5l 7th of 20 to Wayfarers Way in maiden at Chepstow (1m, soft). YAZEANHAA (Feb 8). Half-sister by Zilzal to smart sprinters Nabeel Dancer and Anju.
Selection: DANISH HEIGHTS

1.40 SOHAM HOUSE CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,435: 1m) (10 runners)

201 (4) 211335 BLUEGRASS PRINCE 8 (F,G) (J Hardiman) R Hannon 9-3 ... Pat Eddery 98
202 (2) 231 WAITING 10 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 8-13 ... A Munro 99
203 (7) 0 DIGGERS WELL 10 (Lady Harrison) G Harwood 8-11 ... G Duffield –
204 (9) 0 JABAROOT 7 (Maria Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 82
205 (5) KING OF NAPLES (Lord De La Warr, Mrs M Kerr-Dineen) R Charlton 8-11 S Raymont –
206 (6) SEA OF ROCKS (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 ... M Roberts –
207 (8) 60401 SHOOFK 25 (D,S) (A Al Jallah) Mrs L Piggott 8-11 ... L Piggott 87
208 (1) 0 SIBELIAN SOUND 15 (Mrs A Ehrnrooth) G Wragg 8-11 ... M Hills –
209 (10) 00 THUNDERHEART 15 (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 8-11 ... M Marongiu 70
210 (3) 01 PURSUIT OF GLORY 60 (G) (G Leigh) C Cyzer 8-6 ... J Weaver 78

BETTING: 7-4 Waiting, 3-1 Sea Of Rocks, 9-2 Bluegrass Prince, 8-1 Jabaroot, Shoofk, 10-1 others.

1992: SHAIBA 8-10 S Cauthen (4-9 fav) M Stoute 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUEGRASS PRINCE 4¾l 5th of 8 to Tatami in group II Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to soft). WAITING beat Winn's Pride 5l in 7-runner maiden at Chester (7f 122yd, soft). JABAROOT 9l 9th of 15 to Dance Turn in maiden at Doncaster (7f, good). KING OF NAPLES (foaled Mar 25, cost $57,000). Half-brother by Ferdinand to winner in the United States. SEA OF ROCKS (Feb 6, 1,100,000FFr). Half-brother by Slip Anchor to winner in France. SHOOFK beat Nawaiet head in 22-runner nursery at Warwick (1m, soft). SIBELIAN SOUND 21l 11th of 19 to Weigh Anchor in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good to soft). PURSUIT OF GLORY beat Duball Remy 2½l in 5-runner maiden at Yarmouth (6f, good).
Selection: WAITING

2.10 JAMES SEYMOUR STAKES (Listed race: £10,464: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

301 (4) 0-11230 RED BISHOP 73 (D,F,G,S) (A Saeed) J Gosden 5-9-7 ... M Roberts 86
302 (8) 61/0205- HALKOPOUS 227J (D,F,G,S) (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 7-9-0 ... A Clark 71
303 (9) 623613 YOUNG BUSTER 15 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 5-9-0 ... Pat Eddery 99
304 (6) 100452 GEISWAY 32 (V,D,F,G) (P Green) R Hannon 3-8-12 ... J Reid 88
305 (2) 215-446 FRENCHPARK 26 (G,S) (AJB-PC Stable Co Ltd) M Jarvis 3-8-9 ... J Carroll 87
306 (7) 216-240 FRET 162 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-9 ... A Munro 81
307 (1) 111 MEADOW PIPIT 15 (CD,F,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-9 W R Swinburn 94
308 (3) 201330 ROSE ALTO 27 (D,F,S) (T & J Vestey) J Fanshawe 5-8-9 ... G Duffield 89
309 (10) 1-422 FAYFA 10 (C,BF,G) (Prince A A Faisal) H Cecil 3-8-4 ... W Ryan 87
310 (5) 512243 KATIBA 20 (F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-4 ... W Carson 91

BETTING: 5-2 Meadow Pipit, 4-1 Red Bishop, Young Buster, 6-1 Fayfa, 8-1 Geisway, Katiba, 12-1 others.

1992: LUPESCU 4-8-9 L Dettori (20-1) D Loder 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

RED BISHOP best form this season when neck 2nd of 5 to Jeune in group II Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, soft). YOUNG BUSTER beat Salatin ½l in 6-runner conditions race at Doncaster (1m 2f 75y, soft) on penultimate start. GEISWAY 3l 2nd of 5 to Desert Shot in conditions race at Bath (1m, good). FRENCHPARK best recent effort when 4l 4th of 6 to Right Win in group I Gran Premio d'Italia at San Siro (1m 4f, soft). MEADOW PIPIT beat Jura head in 10-runner conditions race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft) with YOUNG BUSTER (10lb better off) 2l 3rd. FAYFA 1l 2nd of 12 to Sunday's Hill in conditions race at Chepstow (1m, soft). KATIBA ½l 3rd of 14 to Eurostorm in listed race at the Curragh (1m 2f, very soft).
Selection: YOUNG BUSTER (nap)

2.45 GEORGE STUBBS RATED HANDICAP (Listed race: £9,820: 2m) (12 runners)

401 (1) 1/421/1- MORLEY STREET 209J (D,F,G) (M Jackson Ltd) G Balding 9-9-7 ... J Williams 94
402 (2) 424554 NOT IN DOUBT 34 (B,F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 4-9-3 ... W Newnes 95
403 (3) 113116 MY PATRIARCH 13 (C,D,F,G) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 3-9-1 ... Pat Eddery 99
404 (4) 141323 MY DESIRE 13 (D,F,G,S) (Miss J Spateley) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-10 ... T Quinn 98
405 (10) 221216 NASSMA 27 (G,S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Fanshawe 3-8-8 ... W Ryan 94
406 (7) 1/0/201 DERAB 15 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs E Brown) S Sherwood 7-8-7 ... B Rouse 98
407 (6) 01315/4 MALAMUTE SALOON 10 (V,G) (P Howard) M Pipe 7-8-7 ... Paul Eddery 88
408 (11) 301200 ROSINA MAE 13 (CD,F,G) (Greenland Park Ltd) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-7 ... A Munro 93
409 (12) 0/11300 RODEO STAR 13 (D,F,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 7-8-7 ... L Piggott 82
410 (5) 221002 AUDE LA BELLE 10 (D,F,G) (Mrs V Raplans) Mrs L Piggott 5-8-7 ... A Mackay 87
411 (8) 314322 RITTO 13 (S) (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-1 ... M Roberts 98
412 (9) 212200 SOLARTICA 51 (F) (B Nielsen) J Fanshawe 3-7-12 ... W Carson 91

Long handicap: (Minimum weight 4-Y-O+ 8-7 3-Y-O 7-11) Malamute Saloon 8-4, Rosina Mae 8-2, Rodeo Star 7-13, Aude La Belle 7-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Ritto, 4-1 My Patriarch, 6-1 Derab, Nassma, 8-1 My Desire, 10-1 Not In Doubt, Solartica, 12-1 Rodeo Star, 14-1 Morley Street, Rosina Mae, 20-1 Aude La Belle, Malamute Saloon.

1992: SPECIFICITY 4-8-10 G Duffield (4-1) J Gosden 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MORLEY STREET beat Jungle Dancer 3½l in 5-runner conditions race at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to firm) last season. MY PATRIARCH beat Hasten To Add short-head in 3-runner handicap at Newcastle (2m, good) on penultimate start. NASSMA best recent effort when beat Aztec short-head in 6-runner listed race at Chester (1m 5f 110yd, soft). DERAB beat Whitechapel head in 21-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to soft). AUDE LA BELLE 4l 2nd of 6 to Welshman in handicap at Chester (2m, soft) with MALAMUTE SALOON (10lb better off) 8½l 4th. RITTO head 2nd of 31 to Aahsaylad in Cesarewitch handicap at Newmarket (2m 2f, good), with MY DESIRE (same terms) 2½l 3rd, MY PATRIARCH (4lb better off) 1l 6th, RODEO STAR (3lb better off) 11½l 13th and ROSINA MAE (5lb worse off) 14l 24th.
Selection: RITTO

3.15 FITZROY HOUSE HANDICAP (£5,020: 1m 4f) (35 runners)

501 (2) 205650/ BOTTLES 543J (F,G) (R Taylor) J Banks 6-10-0 ... J Quinn –
502 (11) 352202 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 28 (D,F,G) (B Saumtally) Bob Jones 5-9-11 M Wigham 96
503 (6) 512000 AMAZON EXPRESS 11 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Moss) R Akehurst 4-9-9 ... T Quinn 91
504 (30) 012130 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 14 (D,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-4 ... D McCabe (5) 89
505 (17) 0-40350 TIGHT FIST 8 (Mrs A Davis) P Burgoyne 3-9-4 ... B Rouse –
506 (26) 015326 CAST THE LINE 59 (D,G) (D Barker A Stewart 3-9-3 ... W Carson 94
507 (13) 254424 ROMALITO 31J (C McKenna) M Blanshard 3-8-12 ... R Cochrane 93
508 (3) 614655 BEAUMONT 22 (S) (Garth Thoroughbreds Ltd) J Pearce 3-8-10 ... Pat Eddery 94
509 (21) 242050 RUSTY REEL 14 (V) (Mrs R Hughes) C Brittain 3-8-10 ... B Doyle (3) 95
510 (22) 350-405 SHARRO 85 (Mrs G Kelleway) P Kelleway 3-8-9 ... G Bardwell 92
511 (29) 036 RUFFLE 28 (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 3-8-8 ... D Harrison 91
512 (4) 635552 ROSE NOBLE 60 (BF) (Lady Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 3-8-7 ... M Tebbutt 93
513 (8) 633360 ROUSITTO 14 (D,F,S) (J Pattison) R Hollinshead 5-8-7 ... W Ryan 95
514 (25) 100352 KISMETIM 10 (G) (The Kismetim Partnership) B Meehan 3-8-7 ... K Fallon 99
515 (5) 000150 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 45 (B) (Broughton Ins) W Musson 3-8-5 ... A Mackay 96
516 (28) 224501 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 14 (D,S) (N Hetherton) J Hetherton 3-8-5 ... L Charnock 94
517 (33) 255540 JULFAAR 87 (D,F) (The Octel Partnership) J Pearce 6-8-4 ... J McLaughlin 90
518 (10) 640-0 ROXY RIVER 24 (Mrs M Rimell) J Spearing 4-8-4 ... Paul Eddery –
519 (32) 203200 SCENIC DANCER 42 (D,F,G) (A Hide) A Hide 5-8-4 ... J Tate (5) 94
520 (16) 006213 MERRY MERMAID 15 (D,BF,S) (Mrs O Steele) J Bottomley 3-8-3 M Humphries (7) 95
521 (14) 416145 WHO'S THE BEST 24 (F) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 3-8-1 ... D Wright (5) 95
522 (7) 460610 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 22 (D,F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 6-8-1 ... J Lowe 95
523 (27) 054015 CRACKLING 11 (D,BF,G,S) (D Marchant) D Marks 4-8-0 ... S Dawson 93
524 (35) 310146 HEAD TURNER 5 (G,S) (I Jarrard) C Wildman 5-7-12 ... D Biggs 96
525 (18) 0000/65 DESPERATE MAN 97 (The Horizon Partnership) N Smith 4-7-10 ... S D Williams –
526 (31) 000030 RIZ BIZ 34 (BF) (A Rizzo) M Bell 3-7-9 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 94
527 (15) 200065 SOOJAMA 10 (B) (N Castleton) R Voorspuy 3-7-7 ... N Adams 96
528 (23) 600- FINAL ACTION 388 (Miss J McGivern) G Bravery 3-7-7 ... N Varley (7) –
529 (12) 0-00430 HALLOW FAIR 32J (D,F,G) (L Spencer) C Horgan 8-7-7 ... T Williams 86
530 (9) 40/0005 MELANCOLIA 77 (C,G) (G Tulls) J Bostock 7-7-7 ... M Baird (7) –
531 (19) 43205/ VAIGLY BLAZED 667J (L Spencer) C Horgan 9-7-7 ... Dale Gibson –
532 (24) 636-000 HIGHLAND FLAME 37J (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 4-7-7 ... S Mulvey (7) 85
533 (1) 006000 BARBARY REEF 20 (F) (R Parsons) G Eden 5-7-7 ... P McCabe (5) 88
534 (20) 0-58000 QUESSONG 25 (F Lee) F Lee 3-7-7 ... N Carlisle 73
535 (34) 0000-40 ENCHANTED FLYER 14J (Mrs B Mersh) T Donnelly 6-7-7 ... C Hawksley (7) 72

Long handicap: Soojama 7-6, Final Action 7-5, Hallow Fair 7-5, Melancolia 7-3, Vaigly Blazed 7-2, Highland Flame 6-12, Barbary Reef 6-11, Quessong 6-9, Enchanted Flyer 6-6.

BETTING: 12-1 Merry Mermaid, 14-1 Absalom's Pillar, Beaumont, Head Turner, Kismetim, 16-1 Amazon Express, Cast The Line, Crackling, Lookingforarainbow, Ruffle, 20-1 Broughton's Tango, Romalito, Rose Noble, 25-1 others.

1992: HER HONOUR 3-9-5 L Dettori (8-1) M Pipe 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 2½l 2nd of 18 to Addicted To Love in handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good). ROSE NOBLE 1l 2nd of 8 to Big Pat in conditions race at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101y). KISMETIM 2½l 2nd of 5 to Warm Spell in handicap at Chepstow (1m 4l, soft) with SOOJAMA (12lb better off) 9½l 5th. ABSALOM'S PILLAR beat Funny Hilarious ¾l in 20-runner handicap at Catterick (1m 4l, soft), with ROUSITTO (6lb better off) 20¼l 10th, RUSTY REEL (6lb better off) 1l 13th, BROUGHTON'S TANGO (same terms) 4l 15th. MERRY MERMAID best recent effort when beat Light Hand 3½l in 21-runner apprentices' handicap at York, with BEAUMONT (9lb better off) 9¼l 5th, ROUSITTO (3lb better off) 4l 6th, EIRE LEATH-SCEAL (10lb better off) ¾l 7th. CRACKLING best recent form when beat Rapporteur ½l in 22-runner lady riders' handicap at Newbury (1m 4l, good to soft), with SCENIC DANCER (3lb better off) 9½l 7th, HEAD TURNER (1lb better off) 6l 10th.
Selection: ABSALOM'S PILLAR

3.45 POTTER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,882: 5f) (10 runners)

601 (5) 31051 ALLWIGHT THEN 34 (D,G) (P Cosgrove) F Lee 9-7 ... Paul Eddery 93
602 (2) 412 RECAPTURED DAYS 13 (BF,G) (K Khurtasht) A Scott 9-6 ... W R Swinburn 94
603 (9) 231320 BRAVE EDGE 38 (D,BF,F) (C Peryt) R Hannon 9-4 ... Pat Eddery 94
604 (6) 030360 LEGATEE 9 (D,F) (Mrs J Young) J Eberington 9-2 ... W Carson 94
605 (3) 351515 NO MEAN CITY 2 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs R Tang) A Bailey 9-1 ... A Mackay 99
606 (1) 042452 HIGH HOLME 2 (J Ashurst) D Thom 8-5 ... M Roberts 94
607 (4) 045520 BILLY CRUNCHEON 29 (T Painting) R Simpson 8-3 ... W Woods 93
608 (8) 0036 RAISA POINT 38 (J Amass) P Makin 8-2 ... T Sprake 96
609 (10) 600140 FEATHERSTONE LANE 27 (D,F) (Mrs B Holroyd) Miss L Siddall 8-1 ... D Harrison 98
610 (7) 5040 HOLLINGTON SONG 29 (Mrs J Kendall-Davis) P McEntee 7-7 ... N Adams 74

Long handicap: Hollington Song 7-0.

BETTING: 5-2 Recaptured Days, 5-1 Allwight Then, Brave Edge, 6-1 High Holme, No Mean City, 7-1 Featherstone Lane, 14-1 Billy Cruncheon, 20-1 Legatee, Raisa Point, 40-1 Hollington Song.

1992: MELODYS DAUGHTER 7-8 J Lowe (14-1) R Johnson Houghton 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALLWIGHT THEN beat King Rat 1l in 17-runner nursery at Redcar (5f, good). BILLY CRUNCHEON 5l 2nd of 11 to My Gallery in nursery at Kempton (5f, soft) on penultimate start, with RAISA POINT (2lb better off) 3¾l 6th and BRAVE EDGE (3lb worse off) 1¼l 7th. BRAVE EDGE 3l 2nd of 10 to Royal Figurine in nursery at Newbury (5f, good to soft) with FEATHERSTONE LANE (4lb better off) 2¼l 4th, BILLY CRUNCHEON (3lb better off) short-head 5th. HIGH HOLME 4l 2nd of 9 to Royal Figurine in nursery at Yarmouth (5f, good to soft) with NO MEAN CITY (same terms) 4¾l 5th. LEGATEE best recent effort when 1l 3rd of 9 to Jimmy The Skunk in nursery at Haydock (6f, good to soft) with NO MEAN CITY (4lb worse off) 2½l 5th. RECAPTURED DAYS 2¼l 2nd of 6 to Mary Hinge in conditions race at Catterick (5f, good to soft).
Selection: RECAPTURED DAYS

4.15 AVENUE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,500: 1m 1f) (22 runners)

1 (21) 42532 MO-ADDAB 39 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-7 ... C Dykes (7) 90
2 (13) 144051 EXHIBIT AIR 53 (V,F) (A Homan) R Hannon 9-6 ... A Whelan (5) 88
3 (3) 22-001 GLOWING JADE 7 (G) (B Easick) M Channon 8-12 (5ex) ... R Painter 90
4 (14) 300120 SILVER GROOM 20 (F,S) (Mrs A Hamilton) A Jarvis 8-11 ... D Gibbs (3) 88
5 (2) 013604 DUKE OF DREAMS 7 (F) (Miss E Shepherd) Mrs M Reveley 8-9 ... S Copp (3) 88
6 (22) 10060 PONDICHERRY 24 (G) (D Woods) S Woods 8-7 ... A Liggins (7) 96
7 (11) 421460 HOTSOCKS 29 (G) (D Dervish) Pat Mitchell 8-6 ... P Bowe (3) 87
8 (12) 400634 MAJOR TRIUMPH 11J (B Weir) G Bravery 8-4 ... Michael Denaro 88
9 (10) 040-302 BLOWEDIFIKNOW 3 (B) (Hedding and Squires Ltd) J Wharton 8-4 ... B Russell 99
10 (1) 020065 FORT VALLY 13 (Mrs M Lingwood) B Murray 8-1 ... G Parkin (3) 86
11 (15) 300400 MOVE SMARTLY 91 (P Clinton) F Lee 8-1 ... T G McLaughlin 86
12 (19) 6-23000 NYMPH ERRANT 7 (Bakewell Bloodstock Ltd) P Makin 8-1 ... S Mulvey 93
13 (9) 316020 AHJAY 7 (BF,F) (R Thomas) D Wilson 8-1 ... J D Smith 86
14 (16) 0505-0 MELISIO 10 (D Major) C Wildman 8-1 ... N Varley 89
15 (6) 010303 FRANCIA 11 (G) (A Allanc) A Hide 8-1 ... P McCabe 91
16 (17) 3532-00 COMTEC'S LEGEND 41 (F) (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 7-11 ... M Humphries 80
17 (18) 040403 MASTER BEVELED 7 (Mrs E Williams) P Evans 7-11 ... S Sanders 91
18 (4) 000 ARRASAS LADY 154 (Mrs D Fodery) J Long 7-10 ... Wendy Jones (5) 91
19 (8) 0-04450 DARING KING 6 (T Rowley) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-9 ... C Hawksley 91
20 (7) 010300 MEDLAND 49 (F) (G Jackman) D Wilson 7-8 ... Sharon Millard (5) 87
21 (5) 000545 CHILTERN HUNDREDS 66 (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 7-7 ... M Baird (5) 77
22 (20) 006056 CANDARELA 24 (T Stubbings) P Howling 7-7 ... Sally Radford-Howes (5) 73

Long handicap: Chiltern Hundreds 6-12, Candarela 6-4.

BETTING: 8-1 Exhibit Air, 9-1 Glowing Jade, 10-1 Blowedifiknow, Duke Of Dreams, 12-1 Francia, Major Triumph, Master Beveled, 14-1 Mo-Addab, Silver Groom, Ahjay, 16-1 Fort Vally, Move Smartly, 20-1 others.

1992: JUNGLE KNIFE 6-9-3 S Mulvey (6-1) M Tompkins 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

MO-ADDAB ¾l 2nd of 15 to Armenian Progress in handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good). EXHIBIT AIR beat Knobbleeneeze 2½l in conditions race at Nottingham (1m, firm). GLOWING JADE beat Clairification 1½l in apprentices' handicap at Doncaster (7f, good) with MASTER BEVELED (5lb better off) 2l 3rd, DUKE OF DREAMS (5lb better off) 1½l 4th, AHJAY (5lb better off) 11½l 13th, NYMPH ERRANT (5lb better off) 15l 21st. BLOWEDIFIKNOW head 2nd of 20 to Always Risky in claimer at Leicester (1m, good to soft).
Selection: EXHIBIT AIR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lady Herries	5	23	21.7	N Varley	4	17	23.5
H Cecil	71	342	20.8	Pat Eddery	97	519	18.7
W Hern	20	98	20.4	W R Swinburn	68	429	15.9
R Charlton	13	64	20.3	W Carson	86	572	15.0
M Stoute	51	297	17.2	M Hills	40	282	14.2
J Gosden	44	258	17.1	L Piggott	21	172	12.2

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Nottingham

Going: good

1.20 (6f 15yd) 1, Garah (W Ryan, 13-8 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Matila (8-1); 3, Carranita (10-1). 14 ran. Nk, 4l. H Cecil. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £2.40, £3.00. DF: £12.40. CSF: £17.14.

1.50 (6f 15yd) 1, Monkey's Wedding (J Carroll, 12-1); 2, Reminiscence (6-1); 3, Dancing Lawyer (10-1); 4, Cheerful Groom (9-1). Bet A Plan 11-2 fav. 20 ran. NR: Lunar Rhapsody. 1¾l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £14.40; £2.80, £2.20, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £87.10. CSF: £83.12. Tricast: £701.75.

2.20 (6f 15yd) 1, Blue Bomber (Pat Eddery, 1-8 fav); 2, Fairey Firefly (8-1); 3, La Reine Bianca (9-1). 4 ran. 3l, 5l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.20. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.27.

2.50 (1m 54yd) 1, Sherman (R Hills, 9-2); 2, Tom Waller (4-6 fav); 3, Golden Arrow (10-1). 16 ran. 3l, hd. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £7.10; £1.20, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £4.00. CSF: £8.13.

3.20 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Dreams End (K Rutter, 10-1); 2, Jonsalan (12-1); 3, Warm Spell (7-1). White Willow 6-1 fav. 13 ran. Nk, 2l. J Scargill. Tote: £13.20; £3.50, £4.90, £2.90. DF: £58.30. Trio: £325.10. CSF: £115.55. Tricast: £819.60.

3.50 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Cascassi (M Roberts, 13-8 fav); 2, Princess Sioux (7-1); 3, Ramya (4-1). 10 ran. 2½l, 1½l. J Gosden. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £11.60. CSF: £16.29.

4.20 (1m 54yd) 1, Affa (D Biggs, 11-1); 2, Proud Brigadier (15-2); 3, East Barns (16-1); 4, Red Cotton (17-2). Hawaii Storm 7-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Daco. 2½l, 2l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £14.20; £2.30, £2.10, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £68.80. Trio: £220.90. CSF: £89.48. Tricast: £1,235.87.

Placepot: £23.60.

Kempton Park

Going: good to firm

1.40 (2m hdle) 1, Cabin Hill (D Leahy, 11-4); 2, Soleil Dancer (3-1); 3, Top Wave (6-1). Perfay 13-8 fav. 4 ran. 12l, 8l. S Christian. Tote: £1.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £9.35.

2.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Some Day Soon (G Bradley, 7-1); 2, Factor Ten (15-8 fav); 3, Well Briefed (20-1). 7 ran. 2l, 30l. M Bradstock. Tote: £6.90; £1.80, £2.00. DF: £5.10. CSF: £18.84.

2.40 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Kano Warrior (C Llewellyn, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Jawani (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Carrncastle (9-2). 8 ran. NR: Hugli. 4l, 2½l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £8.10. Trio: £13.30. CSF: £11.72. Tricast: £34.73.

3.10 (3m ch) 1, Mere Class (G Bradley, 4-9 fav); 2, Bold Choice (16-1); 3, Tompet (5-2). 4 ran. 12l, ¾l. C Brooks. Tote: £1.60. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.09.

3.40 (2m ch) 1, Lackendara (J Osborne, 2-9 fav); 2, Poppets Pet (11-1); 3, Present Times (20-1). 4 ran. 10l, dist. Miss H Knight. Tote: £1.30. DF: £2.80. CSF: £3.19.

4.10 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Julios Genius (D Murphy, 11-1); 2, Tour Leader (7-2); 3, Style And Class (13-8 fav). 9 ran. 12l, 4l. B Meehan. Tote: £12.60; £3.00, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £25.50. CSF: £45.81.

Placepot: £53.90.

Stratford

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Bell Staffboy (W Marston, 5-4 fav); 2, Top Spin (10-1); 3, Brodessa (11-4). 15 ran. NR: In A Whirl. 2½l, 2l. C Broad. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £2.30, £1.20. DF: £7.50. Ned The Hall finished third, but after a stewards' enquiry was placed fourth.

2.30 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Abu Mustab (M A Fitzgerald, 7-1); 2, Real Progress (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Stage Player (8-1). Vazon Bay 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 1¾l, 4l. G Edwards. Tote: £8.30; £2.60, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £12.30. CSF: £28.67.

3.00 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Mystic Memory (P Niven, 13-8 fav); 2, Strong Medicine (9-2); 3, Menebuck (9-2). 5 ran. Nk, 4l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £6.90. CSF: £8.31.

3.30 (3m 4f ch) 1, Buddy Holly (Peter Hobbs, 9-4 fav); 2, Smooth Escort (5-1); 3, Ard T'Match (12-1). 9 ran. Hd, 1½l. J Old. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £6.60. CSF: £12.56. Tricast: £93.82.

4.00 (2m 1f 110yd) 1, Egypt Mill Prince (R Dunwoody, 100-30); 2, Drumstick (5-2); 3, Star Of The Glen (2-1 fav). 6 ran. NR: Mulbank. 3½l, nk. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £3.30; £2.30, £1.60. DF: £5.60. CSF: £11.27.

4.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Super Coin (A Maguire, 11-2); 2, Will's Bounty (20-1); 3, Saint Ciel (5-1); 4, Turi Run (9-1). Avishayes 9-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Barahin, Sterling Buck, Aldington Millpond, Montagne. 4l, 5l. R Lee. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £6.50, £3.00. DF: £36.70. CSF: £94.67. Tricast: £531.67.

Placepot: £34.10.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Newmarket: 2.10 Geisway. 4.15 Exhibit Air.

WETHERBY

THUNDERER
1.30 Clear Idea. 2.00 Maudlins Cross. 2.30 Coulton. 3.05 Emperor Buck. 3.35 On The Other Hand. 4.05 *Taroudant*.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.30 HORNSHAW NOVICES HURDLE (£2,127: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 0-31 JOHNS THE BOY 20 (D,G) N Mason 7-11-5 ... B Harding (7)
2 0- ADMIRAL VILLENEUVE 258 C Egerton 5-10-12 ... J Railton
3 ARRAGUANIE 1540F K Morgan 7-10-12 ... A S Smith
4 042- CLEAR IDEA 361 G Richards 5-10-12 ... N Doughty
5 42/0 COWLEY 21 O Brennan 8-10-12 ... M Brennan
6 000- EASY RHYTHM 254 B Temple 6-10-12 ... M Dwyer
7 -226 MUST BE MAGICAL 27 J Mackie 5-10-12 ... A Maguire
8 44F- SHAFFIC 15F Mrs M Reveley 5-10-12 ... P Niven
9 543- NAWRIK 205 L Lungo 4-10-11 ... T Reed
10 TOLLS CHOICE 469F M W Easterby 4-10-11 ... J Driscoll (7)
11 046- TITIAN GIRL 214 (B) Miss L Siddall 4-10-6 ... J Callaghan

5-2 Clear Idea, 11-4 Shaffic, 4-1 Johns The Boy, 6-1 Tolls Choice, 10-1 others.

2.00 HARRY WHARTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,392: 2m) (4)

1 112- KING OF THE LOT 335 (CD,BF,F,G,S) D Nicholson 10-12-0 ... A Maguire
2 111- GENERAL PERSHING 189 (C,D,F,G,S) G Richards 7-11-12 ... N Doughty
3 3-1F LOGAMIMO 9 (C,D,F,G,S) J Hellens 7-10-8 ... A Larnach (3)
4 15-3 MAUDLINS CROSS 17 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-3 ... P Niven

7-4 King Of The Lot, 9-4 Logamimo, 3-1 General Pershing, 7-2 Maudlins Cross.

2.30 WEATHERBYS NEWCOMERS SERIES NOVICES CHASE (£3,752: 2m) (4)

1 10-1 COULTON 16 (CD,F,G,S) M W Easterby 6-11-7 ... L Wyer
2 121U EXPLOSIVE SPEED 13 (CD,BF,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-7 C Grant
3 -221 KEEP SHARP 37 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 7-11-7 ... R Guest
4 00-0 AMADEUS 16 M Hammond 5-11-0 ... S Lyons (5)

4-7 Coulton, 5-2 Explosive Speed, 5-1 Keep Sharp, 25-1 Amadeus.

3.05 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,469: 2m) (16)

1 3-1 SEVEN TOWERS 15 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-5 ... P Niven
2 6-3 AUBURN BOY 16 M W Easterby 6-11-0 ... L Wyer
3 00- BALISTEROS 200 T Tate 4-11-0 ... W Fry (7)
4 40- BASILICUS 272 Mrs S Smith 4-11-0 ... Gary Lyons
5 54-F DISTINCTIVE 13 M Wilkinson 4-11-0 ... P Ward (7)
6 15-2 EMPEROR BUCK 13 (D,F) D Nicholson 5-11-0 ... A Maguire
7 15 FIVE FLAGS 10 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 5-11-0 ... R Guest
8 1-0F HERBALIST 17 (D,G) J Hellens 4-11-0 ... A Larnach (3)
9 05-0 HICKSONS CHOICE 13 J Wade 5-11-0 ... K Jones
10 35-0 HURRICANE HORACE 20 Denys Smith 6-11-0 ... C Grant
11 056- OTTOMAN EMPIRE 195 O Brennan 6-11-0 ... M Brennan
12 65-6 STRONG MEASURE 27 P Cheesbrough 5-11-0 ... K Johnson
13 THE ADJUTANT G Richards 5-11-0 ... B Harding (7)
14 0 FARM TRACK 28 F Storey 4-10-9 ... B Storey
15 00-2 MELLOW GOLD 62 (BF) G Richards 6-10-9 ... N Doughty
16 05-3 STAGGERING 28 M Naughton 4-10-9 ... A Dobbin (3)

15-8 Seven Towers, 4-1 Auburn Boy, 9-2 Emperor Buck, 8-1 Mellow Gold, The Adjutant, 12-1 Five Flags, 14-1 Staggering, 20-1 Hurricane Horace, 25-1 others.

3.35 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,626: 3m 110yd) (6)

1 562- MERRY MASTER 195 (CD,F,G,S) R Armytage 9-12-0 ... Gee Armytage
2 V-32 ON THE OTHER HAND 9 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-8 ... N Doughty
3 F1-1 MR BOSTON 18 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-4 ... P Niven
4 6-21 BALTIC BROWN 9 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 8-10-3 (5ex) ... Gary Lyons
5 31-2 ZAM BEE 13 (F,G,S) W Reed 7-10-0 ... T Reed
6 31-F DERRING VALLEY 23 (B,D,F,G,S) A Jones 8-10-0 ... A Maguire

2-1 Mr Boston, 9-4 Baltic Brown, 9-2 On The Other Hand, 6-1 Zam Bee, 10-1 Merry Master, 12-1 Derring Valley.

4.05 GREEN HAMMERTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,905: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 030- BOLLIN WILLIAM 210 (C,D,S) M H Easterby 5-12-0 ... L Wyer
2 300- ABBOT OF FURNESS 153 (CD,S) G Richards 9-11-11 N Doughty
3 0-21 TAROUDANT 18 (G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-2 ... P Niven
4 06-8 CLURICAN 16 (S) N Tinkler 4-11-1 ... M Dwyer
5 23-5 ANDERMATT 20 (CD,S) J Mackie 5-10-8 ... A Maguire
6 P03- NESSFIELD 169 (CD,G,S) K Morgan 7-10-7 ... A S Smith
7 32-5 CHANTRY BARTLE 18 (F,G,S) C Thornton 7-10-0 ... D Wilkinson
8 /FP- NORTHUMBRIAN KING 169 (D,F,S) Mrs K Walton 7-10-0 ... J Callaghan

6-4 Taroudant, 9-2 Abbot Of Furness, 11-2 Bollin William, 8-1 Clurican, 10-1 Andermatt, 14-1 Nessfield, 16-1 Chantry Bartle, Northumbrian King.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Armytage, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; D Nicholson, 5 from 13, 38.5%; Mrs M Reveley, 27 from 83, 32.5%; G Richards, 25 from 109, 22.9%; J Mackie, 7 from 31, 22.6%; N Tinkler, 14 from 80, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: Gee Armytage, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; N Doughty, 17 from 70, 24.3%; P Niven, 30 from 136, 22.1%; L Wyer, 23 from 110, 20.9%; A Maguire, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Dwyer, 27 from 151, 17.9%.

BANGOR

THUNDERER
1.20 Taunting. 1.50 Gaelic Frolic. 2.20 Whatagale. 2.55 Wordsmith. 3.25 Thumbs Up. 3.55 Westholme.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.20 OXTON TURF CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£2,043: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1 6-04 ALWAYS READY 14 (B,G) R Lee 7-11-5 ... R Greene
2 2145 RULING DYNASTY 29 (B,D,F,G,S) M Usher 9-11-5 ... M Hourigan
3 2PP/ GROTIUS 589 (C,S) G Ham 9-11-2 ... R Davis
4 3P-2 BAND SARGEANT 6 G Richards 4-10-12 ... N Leech
5 05-0 BROTHERLYAFFECTION 14 R Hollinshead 4-10-12 ... S Wynne
6 PP0- NOTHINGBUTTROUBLE 285 Mrs H Parrott 9-10-12 ... V Slattery
7 /0-2 TAUNTING 38 S Coathup 5-10-12 ... S Lycett (5)
8 4-43 RUTHS PRIDE 11 (G) G Price 8-10-11 ... R Farrant
9 55-0 URSHI-JADE 13 K White 5-10-7 ... P McLoughlin (3)

6-4 Ruling Dynasty, 3-1 Band Sargeant, 5-1 Always Ready, 7-1 Ruths Pride, 10-1 Taunting, 14-1 Urshi-Jade, 20-1 others.

1.50 CORBETT BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,546: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 111- WASHINGTONCROSSING 258 (D,G,S) A Turnell 7-11-10 ... S McNeill
2 PP1- BETTER TIMES AHEAD 153 (CD,G,S) G Richards 7-11-8 ... R Dunwoody
3 225- BALDA BOY 200 (D,BF,G,S) T Forster 9-11-7 ... H Davies
4 213/ HEY COTTAGE 562 (CD,G,S) D McCain 8-10-12 ... G McCourt
5 12-2 GAELIC FROLIC 13 (D,BF,F,G) P Cundell 10-10-0 N Williamson
6 -143 COMEDY ROAD 14 (D,F,G) R Lee 9-10-0 ... L Harvey

9-4 Gaelic Frolic, 7-2 Better Times Ahead, 4-1 Washingtoncrossing, 9-2 Comedy Road, 6-1 Balda Boy, 14-1 Hey Cottage.

2.20 TARPORLEY HUNT CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,550: 3m 110yd) (9)

1 1132 WHATAGALE 10 (BF,F) O Sherwood 6-11-11 ... J Osborne
2 23P- THE LIGHTER SIDE 188 (C,D,F,G) C Cowley 7-11-3 ... Judy Davies (7)
3 2-21 SANDAIG 11 (B,D,G) K Bailey 7-11-3 ... N Williamson
4 5-F3 SMALLMEAD LAD 41 (BF,G) D Gandolfo 8-10-13 ... P Holley
5 603- FIVELEIGH FIRST 199 J Upson 5-10-11 ... R Supple
6 24/2 CROWN EYEGLASS 21 R Woodhouse 7-10-8 ... R Garritty
7 40-5 CWM ARCTIC 14 Mrs A Price 6-10-6 ... Mr M Jackson
8 PP-0 LASTOFTHEVIKINGS 13 J Needham 8-10-3 ... R Davis (5)
9 -066 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 41 (G) F Jordan 5-10-0 ... M Doyle (7)

5-2 Smallmead Lad, 3-1 Sandaig, 7-2 Whatagale, 7-1 Crown Eyeglass, Lastofthevikings, 12-1 The Lighter Side, 16-1 Fiveleigh First, 20-1 others.

2.55 LLANYMYNECH RACECOURSE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,347: 2m 1f) (9)

1 1U MOST EQUAL 34 (D,BF,F) M Pipe 11-4 ... R Dunwoody
2 1302 PYRRHIC DANCE 20 (D,F) C Mann 11-4 ... G McCourt
3 1 WORDSMITH 20 (CD,S) D Burchell 11-4 ... D J Burchell
4 P ALMONTY 20 A Forbes 10-12 ... S Lycett (7)
5 3 BOLTROSE 9 K White 10-12 ... A D'Hagan
6 MANDALIA MELODY D McCain 10-12 ... D Walsh (5)
7 2 SQUIRE YORK 9 M Eckley 10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald
8 0 GUNNER SUE 20 M Scudamore 10-7 ... S McNeill
9 2 SWISS MOUNTAIN 22 (V) A Forbes 10-7 ... T Eley (5)

7-4 Squire York, 2-1 Boltrose, 4-1 Most Equal, 6-1 Swiss Mountain, 14-1 others.

3.25 JONES PECKOVER NOVICES CHASE (£3,680: 2m 1f 110yd) (13)

1 536- BATHWICK BOBBIE 240 A Turnell 6-11-0 ... S McNeill
2 0 FLYING WILD 14 W Clay 7-11-0 ... N Williamson
3 110- GOOD FOR A LOAN 225 (F,G) R Lee 6-11-0 ... L Harvey
4 F4P- HOWBILL 205 (F,G) R Hollinshead 7-11-0 ... S Wynne (3)
5 F6-3 JOCK'S BURN 18 (G) G Richards 7-11-0 ... M Moloney
6 -244 KING'S SHILLING 29 (CD,F,G) C Broad 6-11-0 ... Jacqui Oliver
7 00- LINGER HILL 324 J Webber 6-11-0 ... R Bellamy
8 6P-5 MR HAPPY FEET 41 A James 6-11-0 ... T Wall
9 12-4 PLAYING TRUANT 16 (G) D Gandolfo 5-11-0 ... P Holley
10 52F2 SHREWD JOHN 6 (G) R Woodhouse 7-11-0 ... R Garritty
11 0PP/ THE WOODEN HUT 566 Mrs A Price 10-11-0 ... Mr M Jackson
12 311- THUMBS UP 225 (D,F,S) N Henderson 7-11-0 ... R Dunwoody
13 F341 MENAGHI 22 (G) D McCain 6-10-13 ... G McCourt

6-4 Thumbs Up, 6-1 Shrewd John, 13-2 Good For A Loan, Menaghi, 8-1 Kings Shilling, 10-1 Playing Truant, 12-1 Jock's Burn, 14-1 others.

3.55 OSWESTRY RACECOURSE INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,710: 2m 1f) (4)

1 2135 MOHANA 16 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
2 50-0 ADMIRALTY WAY 6 (CD,G,S) W Clay 7-10-5 ... Diane Clay
3 4-11 WESTHOLME 21 (G) M H Easterby 5-10-0 ... R Garritty
4 302- EDWARD SEYMOUR 230 (S) W Jenks 6-10-0 ... T Jenks (5)

11-10 Westholme, 2-1 Admiralty Way, 4-1 Mohana, 7-1 Edward Seymour.

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JOCKEYS: Jacqui Oliver, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; S McNeill, 6 from 29, 20.7%; R Dunwoody, 14 from 70, 20.0%; G McCourt, 13 from 66, 19.7%; L Harvey, 5 from 26, 19.2%; A Maguire, 7 from 38, 18.4%; H Davies, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

Strong Mackeson entry

TIPPING Tim, last year's winner, is among a high-class list of entries for the £50,000-added Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham on November 13.

Bradbury Star, who comfortably beat Tipping Tim at Cheltenham last week, is expected to take his chance, while other entries include Arkle Chase winner Travado and Sun Alliance victor Young Hustler. The weights will be released next week.

The top two-mile chasers in Britain are set for an early meeting in the Plymouth Gin Haldon Gold Challenge Cup Chase at Exeter next Tuesday. The £25,000-added event has attracted Champion Chase winner Deep Sensation, and Waterloo Boy, winner of the race 12 months ago.

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PAUL MARTIN

Revelling in the loneliness of the long-distance runner, Nerurkar completes his marathon training yesterday with a run by the River Nene near Northampton

Nerurkar plans fluent rise to success



David Powell looks at a British athlete who prepares to challenge the world's best this weekend

As Richard Nerurkar drew away from the field during the last two miles of the Hamburg Marathon in May, the finish-line interviewer for German television began to prepare for the camera by scribbling some questions in English. At the end of the funnel, she approached Nerurkar, who wasted her notes by responding in fluent German, a surprise which the crowd listening to the winner on Tannoy applauded. His Spanish could come in useful this weekend.

Nerurkar runs in the World Cup marathon in San Sebastián on Sunday. The focus of attention will be on the Chinese women, who move up in *distance after their world* records at 1,500, 3,000 and 10,000 metres last month, but, while the women's race seems a foregone conclusion, as far as which nation will provide the champion, the men's is as open as the Marlborough Downs on which Nerurkar trains.

Nerurkar is among 20 or so athletes who have a chance. Not that you would put Nerurkar at 20-1. If there is a man in the field who will be thinking on his feet more than any other, it is the graduate of Oxford and Harvard universities.

"The longer the event, the *more you use your head and* Richard is very good at using his head," Bruce Tulloh, Nerurkar's coach and a former European 5,000 metres champion, said. The athlete's combination of intelligence, ability and four years' experience in world championship cross country and track racing brings hope that here may be an athlete to give Britain the male distance luminary it needs.

Sure, Eamonn Martin won the London Marathon in April, the sixth home winner, *and Steve Jones set a world* best in 1984, but a championship title has not come Britain's way in 17 races since Ian Thompson's Commonwealth and European gold medals in 1974. Some indication of Nerurkar's potential for the European or Commonwealth marathon next year may be *provided now.*

It may even be an opportunity for him to show whether he can keep up with a fastish pace and deliver a finish. If there is a frustration in watching Nerurkar race at the highest level, it is that he tends to keep closer to the comfort zone than most.

He picks his speed and is *faithful to it, with the result* that, for the past three years, he has been Britain's most consistent cross country and 10,000 metres man. He does not, however, have a medal to show for it, though his fifth place in the 1991 world championship 10,000 metres was a credit to his tactical nous. Yet *what might happen if he took* a risk and went with the leaders on Sunday, always assuming they do not set off at under 2hr 8min pace?

The Hamburg Marathon suited Nerurkar perfectly. He won with a second half quicker than his first. At one point, he was 55sec off the pace and, for 17 miles, he could not see *the leaders. As they fell away,* Nerurkar came through to win in 2hr 10min 57sec, a satisfying time for a debut at the distance, but one which has been beaten by 11 other men this year.

In conditions more conducive to quick running than at the last Olympic Games and *two world championships* (none was won inside 2hr 13min), the early pace is likely to be brisk. Can Nerurkar afford the same luxury of a cautious that he allowed himself in Hamburg, given the higher quality of the *field?*

"It is going to be a different kind of race," he said. "No, to answer your question. You can have two or three plans, but you also have to be flexible."

"I want to achieve the highest honours and I have more chance in the marathon than any other event," Nerurkar, *who, at 29, is gravitating away* from the 10,000 metres, said.

Since Hamburg, Nerurkar has run his fastest 10,000 metres, 27min 40.03sec, and set a time for ten miles that is quicker than the world best recognised by the Association of International Marathons and Road Races. His 46min *2sec, which he clocked in* Twickenham a fortnight ago, has confirmed that he is in the best shape of his life.

"Going into Hamburg I had been ill in March and had not had the full marathon build-*up," Nerurkar said. "You need* more than seven to eight weeks, more like ten to 12 weeks, and that is what this one has been." Only six long runs of 22 to 24 miles in *preparation may seem a light* schedule to the Chinese women, but Nerurkar is satisfied.

He once said, in his teacher days at Marlborough College public school, that he did not think he could ever become a full-time athlete because he enjoyed the stimulation and stress of teaching in combination with the unwinding effect of running over Marlborough Downs. It was an ideal not to *be given up lightly.*

However, that was before this athlete who was once no more promising than being the 77th finisher in the English youths' cross country championship, developed into international class. Two years ago, he left his teaching post because he was not getting the *best from his running. He has* thus had time to spend three weeks recently at altitude, in the Pyrenees at Font Romeu, to prepare for the World Cup.

"Being on the French-Spanish border, lots of Spaniards come up to Font Romeu," Nerurkar said. He had the chance, too, to improve his *Spanish — "I do like speaking* the lingo". Spanish television might be glad of his interest come Sunday lunchtime.

S Africa bids for world championships

SOUTH Africa is mounting a late challenge to Mexico to host the 1997 world athletics championships, but it is unlikely to succeed (David Powell writes).

If the championships go to high altitude in Mexico City, as seems certain, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) will face a barrage of criticism for failing to find a venue for *fair competition.*

When the 1968 Olympic Games were staged in Mexico City, the distance running events were dominated by *athletes born at altitude while those who* were not struggled in the oxygen-thin air. There was a succession of world records in the sprints, partly due to the rarefied air. Johannesburg is hardly the ideal alternative; at 1,700 metres above sea-level, it is only 600 metres lower than Mexico City.

Unfortunately for the sport, Australia has withdrawn its interest. Athletics *Australia had been considering a bid, but* Neil King, the general manager of Athletics Australia, said: "We will not be bidding for 1997, but we have been *discussing whether to consider 1999.* "Even that may present problems because we are a country of limited resources and we have the Olympic Games the following year."

The deadline for bids is Sunday, and Gert Le Roux, the secretary of Athletics South Africa, said yesterday: "We have decided to bid. I think the IAAF will get a surprise when it sees our bid.

"The Johannesburg facilities will compare with the best in the world."

All have been approved with a view to the city bidding for the 2004 Olympics.

Welsh are prepared to discuss contract with Yorath

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Football Association of Wales (FAW) yesterday announced it was ready to discuss a new contract with the manager of the Welsh national team, Terry Yorath. Yorath's deal expires after the final, crucial World Cup qualifying tie against Romania in Cardiff on November 17.

However, at the next FAW Council meeting, seven days earlier, a committee will be set up to talk terms with the former Leeds United, Coventry City, Tottenham Hotspur and Vancouver Whitecaps midfield player, who won 59 caps for his country.

Yorath, who has been in charge for five years — since June 1991 on a full-time basis — has steered Wales to the brink of next year's finals in the United States. Wales know that a two-goal win against Romania next month will put them through, but a single-goal victory may be enough. Cardiff Arms Park is already sold out for the game.

The FAW secretary, Alun Evans, also said that the FAW have proposals on bonuses to put to the Wales players if they reach the finals. Unlike the majority of competing countries, Wales players have not, so far, been offered any monetary incentive during the group four qualifying stages.

Nottingham Forest are rushing to sign the Norwegian international, Lars Bohinen. The 24-year-old midfield player has been on loan with Lillestrom for the past year and Forest must sign him before Sunday or he will return to Young Boys BSC, the Swiss club, scuppering his proposed £450,000 transfer to Nottingham.

Forest have called in Fifa, the game's world governing body, to sort out the problem between the clubs, who are contesting Bohinen's registration, but the Forest manager, Frank Clark, is upset at the hold-up because nearly all the details between the player and Forest have been settled.

"We were assured we would receive notification this week concerning Lars and there is nothing we can do until we get it," Clark said. "It's all very frustrating but we don't want to do anything illegal by forcing the issue."

Jordi Cruyff, 19, the son of the Barcelona coach, Johan Cruyff, yesterday signed a four-year contract with the Spanish champions exactly 20 years to the day since his father made his debut for the club. The younger Cruyff signed a contract until the end of the 1997 season. He has been playing as an amateur in the club's second team.

Parrott defeats Clark in another close call

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN Parrott narrowly avoided falling victim to the inevitable tension generated by a deciding-frame finish before he overcame a spirited challenge from Martin Clark to win their quarter-final in the Skoda grand prix 5-4, at Reading yesterday.

Parrott, given a scare in the second round when he was forced to win the last two frames to beat Steve Duggan, the world No 96, 5-4, seemed on his way to a more comfortable passage when he led Clark 4-1. Clark, though, had compiled breaks of 95, 48, and 55 to that point and a run of 126 in the sixth frame proved the catalyst for his recovery to 4-4.

"My heart was coming out of my waistcoat in that last frame," said Parrott, who trailed 41-27 when Clark failed to pot the penultimate red to a baulk pocket. Parrott coped with the intensifying pressure to clear to blue and he added the pink after Clark had missed an awkward cut.

Parrott, who now meets Peter Ebdon in a best-of-11 frame, two-day semi-final, was sweating profusely during the post-match press conference, in which he introduced his usual levity. "My wife's having a baby in January and I'll be giving birth before her at this rate. There was so much pressure out there."

Before this tournament, belligerent shot selections and his ponytail were regarded as Ebdon's trademarks. In each of his matches here, tenacity has been a feature of the former world junior champion's approach. Never more so than during his 5-4 victory over Gary Wilkinson on Wednesday night.

When Wilkinson established a 4-1 lead, after compiling a 136 clearance in the first frame — the highest break of the televised phase — Ebdon, who beat Stephen Hendry 5-4 in the second round, appeared headed for defeat. However, Ebdon finds defeat difficult to accept. He rallied after losing the opening two frames to beat Chris Scanlon 5-2 in the first round and, against Hendry, constructed breaks of 72 and 78 in fighting back from 3-4. Such obduracy was the key as he reached the semi-finals of a ranking event for the first time.

Even when Ebdon won the sixth frame there was little to suggest the purple patch that was to follow. Growing in confidence and resolve, he compiled breaks of 76 and 125 to level at 4-4 before winning the deciding frame on the blue.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: J Parrott (Eng) bt M Clark (Eng), 5-4; P Ebdon (Eng) bt G Wilkinson (Eng), 5-4

New stadium plan leaves no place for Poole Town

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

POOLE Town, the Beazer Homes League club, are to lose their home at Poole stadium after the local council had decided that the stadium should be redeveloped to international standard for speedway, that greyhounds be reintroduced and that the football pitch turned into four five-aside pitches.

Clive Robbins, the Poole chairman, said: "The stance the council has taken is that you can make money out of *speedway and greyhounds.* Unfortunately, in essential commercial terms, you can't make money out of football.

"We've never owned the freehold, it's the council's ground, but we've built two stands and everything that's in it in the Fifties and Sixties and are now being kicked out. The council has agreed to use its offices to find us a new ground, but it's offered us no assurance that we can expect any financial help. However, talks are at an exploratory stage and we hope in the next two weeks the situation will become clearer.

"The council may feel football is a minority sport, but it isn't really a minority sport. When a town has a football club and it has a little run, everyone in the town is cheered up by it."

Poole have been playing under a new manager, Keith Miller, for the past two weeks. Stuart Morgan, the former Torquay United manager, has taken over at Dorchester Town. Wimborne Town have approached Annie Bassett, dismissed as Bournemouth chief executive this week, to head their commercial department.

Bridlington Town had the sort of hot streak every club wants last season, winning the FA Vase at Wembley, the HFS Loans League first division *and the East Riding Cup. A* continuing wrangle with the local authority over the contents of the lease on their Queensgate Ground has forced Bridlington to play their home matches in the Northern Premier League premier division this season at Doncaster Rovers, 50 miles away. The club's chief benefactor, Ken Richardson, has sold his interest and the manager, Colin Richardson, resigned on Monday because the club sold a player above his head.



Bassett: approach

Alan Proudlock, the club secretary, said: "We are financially crippled, our gates at Doncaster are halved and or ability to raise money from advertising and sponsorship effectively removed.

"What little money we have is being spent on legal bills trying to persuade the local council to allow progressive football club to return to its home town and climb to the top of non-league football.

"We are in a Catch 22 situation. If we use our money to fight the council, we will not be able to pay the players and Bridlington will lose a fine football club that has brought honour to the town. We are at the eleventh hour of a cruel game of political and legal wrangling."

Proudlock and Steve Brentano, the captain, organised the team that went down 3-1 at Gainsborough Trinity on Tuesday. "The players have been terrifically loyal," Proudlock said. "but they have not been paid any travelling expenses for some weeks. Unless help is forthcoming, the club's end may be swift.

Late goal by Iraq denies Japan spot in World Cup

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SAUDI Arabia reached the World Cup finals for the first time and South Korea for the third time after a tense finish to the final round of the Asian zone qualifying group in Qatar yesterday, but their reactions as they came off the field offered a stark contrast.

Saudi Arabia were euphoric after their 4-3 victory over Iran, but the South Koreans left the field in tears thinking they had lost their chance of reaching the finals in the United States. Although they had beaten their neighbours and bitter rivals, North Korea, 3-0 in their final group game, they believed that Japan had pipped them for the second qualifying place courtesy of a 2-1 defeat of Iraq.

Only as they left the field did new filter through that the Iraqis had snatched a 2-2 draw, thanks to a last-minute goal from Jaffar Omran Salman, and given the South Koreans their passage to the finals on goal difference.

The draw with Iraq was a bitter blow for Japanese hopes of staging the World Cup finals in 2002. Although the new J-League has been a marked success in this, its inaugural season, the credibility of Japan's attempt to host the 2002 tournament would have been hugely enhanced by qualifying for the 1994 finals.

The finals games in the group were all played at the same time around Qatar and it was quickly apparent that Saudi Arabia would be one of the qualifiers. They went two up in the first half-hour through Sami al-Jaber and Fahad Mehalel shots, the substitute, Mansour al Mosa, got the third and Hamzah al Falatah headed the fourth. The Iranians were never a serious threat and Javed Manafi's last-minute goal, although making it 4-3, flattered them.

All South Korea's goals in the "derby" with North Korea came in the second half. Ko Jong-woon shot them ahead in the 49th minute, Hwang Sung-hong added a second five minutes later and Ha Seok-ju got the third in the 76th minute.

The disconsolate Japanese had to be helped off the field after twice yielding a lead to Iraq. Kazuyoshi Miura put Japan ahead in the sixth minute, but, after sustained pressure, Radhi Amish equalised early in the second half. Against the run of play, Masashi Nakayama scored Japan's second in the seventieth minute, but Amish levelled matters again with a header in injury time.

The World Cup qualifying match between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland will definitely go-ahead at Windsor Park on November 17.

There were fears that the game may be shelved due to increasing sectarian violence in the province over the past few weeks, but, at a meeting yesterday in Geneva between the general secretary of Fifa, the game's world governing body, Sepp Blatter, and senior officials from the Football Association of Ireland it was decided that the crucial fixture would proceed.

The teams have met in Belfast twice before, but the tension surrounding next month's match has been heightened because the Republic's qualification for the World Cup finals in the United States next year depends on the outcome. Northern Ireland have already been eliminated.

Fourteen people have been killed in sectarian attacks in Northern Ireland in the past week.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saudi Arabia	5	2	3	0	8	6	7
South Korea	5	2	2	1	9	4	6
Japan	6	2	2	1	7	4	6
Iraq	5	1	3	1	8	9	5
Iran	5	2	0	3	8	11	4
North Korea	5	1	0	4	5	12	2

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: Japan 2, Iraq 2; Saudi Arabia 4, Iran 3; South Korea 3, North Korea 0

Saudi Arabia and South Korea qualify for finals.

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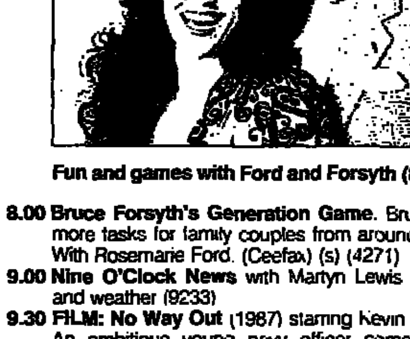
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6.00 Business Breakfast (22417)
7.00 Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Beatrice Hollyer (61816184)
9.05 Kilroy Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts a topical studio discussion (s) (3519310) **9.45 Newshound** Current affairs quiz (s) (4401078)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4965233) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7697271)
10.30 Good Morning... With Anne and Nick Weekday magazine (s) (87502542)
12.15 Pebble Mill *including a report on a Jean Michel Jarre concert at Versailles* (s) (3709813) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (23288981)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (80368)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (66581078)
1.50 Going For Gold The 500th edition of the Euro quiz hosted by Henry Kelly (s) (66585894)
2.15 The Flying Doctors. Nick and Annie make a gruesome discovery (Ceefax) (s) (9939523)
3.00 Making Tracks featuring a rail tour of the Ukraine (9805833). **Wales** (to 4.10) Plaid Cymru Conference
3.25 Cartoon Triple Bill (8106788) **3.45 Dooby Duck's Euro Tour** (r) (s) (1306691) **3.50 Philbert The Frog** (s) (2052981) **3.55 Superbods** (Ceefax) (4803504) **4.10 The Animals Of Farthing Wood** *(r) (s) (Ceefax) (3284252)* ***4.35 Record Breakers*** (Ceefax) (s) (6504078) **5.00 Newsround** (2529829) **5.10 Byker Grove**. Royal fever hits the youth centre (Ceefax) (1415962)
5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (729504). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) and weather (338)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (558) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Every Second Counts. Last in the series of the quiz (s) (6542). **Wales:** Index 1900
7.30 Tomorrow's World The Danes unearthed a mystery when they recovered the remains of a huge Viking long boat from a fiord. Where did it come from and why was it sunk deliberately? (Ceefax) (s) (542)

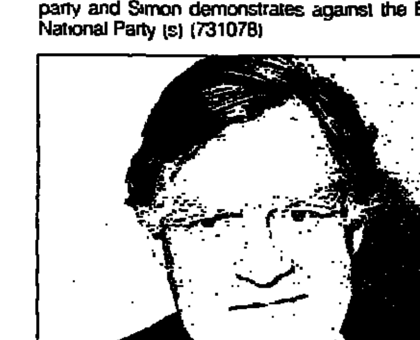


Fun and games with Ford and Forsyth (8.00pm)

8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Brucie sets more tasks for family couples from around Britain. With Rosemarie Ford. (Ceefax) (s) (4271)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax) and weather (9233)
9.30 FILM: No Way Out (1987) starring Kevin Costner. *An ambitious young navy officer comes under suspicion when a woman he is involved with is murdered.* Directed by Roger Donaldson (Ceefax) (s) (49287). **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box 10.20 Rugby: Ulster v SA Barbarians 10.55-12.45am Film: No Way Out
11.30 FILM: The Gate (1987) starring Stephen Dorff. *Mayhem breaks out when a rocket-mad 12-year-old* is left alone for the weekend and little creatures from the underworld enter this world by a gate in his back garden. Directed by Tibor Takacs (508523)
12.45 FILM: I Was A Teenage Frankenstein (1957, b/w) starring Whit Bissell. Tongue-in-cheek yarn in which a descendant of Dr Frankenstein has a lab in Los *Angeles where he creates a monster from different* body parts Directed by Herbert L Strock (3051189). **Northern Ireland** (to 2.15): Film: Blood of the Vampire **2.00 Weather** (6588769)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (9123146)
8.15 Westminster (7562338)
9.00 Daytime on Two. *Educational programmes.* Plus, for children, **1.20** Fingermouse (83944417) **1.35-1.40** Dilly The Dinosaur (78734287)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (69126310) **2.05 Words and Pictures** (s) (88462523)
2.15 Sport on Friday With Helen Rollason The programme features semi-final action from the Skoda grand prix at the Hexagon Theatre, Reading. *There is also a preview of tomorrow's second rugby* league international between Great Britain and New Zealand at Central Park, Wigan (s) (560436) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1325726) **4.00 Snooker** from Reading (s) (3691)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. The Mysterons threaten the life of the Supreme Commander of Earth Forces. (Ceefax) (131691)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Napoleon and Illya go into the movie business when a gangster decides to make his girlfriend a starlet. (Ceefax) (118726)
7.15 The Living Soap. Fly-on-the-wall look at six students sharing a house. Emma holds a birthday party and Simon demonstrates against the British National Party (s) (731078)



Sir Bernard Ingham on press relations (7.45pm)

7.45 After Margaret: What The Papers Said. In a special edition, Sir Bernard Ingham reflects on his relationship with Fleet Street during his years as Mrs Thatcher's press secretary (418405)
8.00 Public Eye: The Cost of Coal. Phil Parry discovers new evidence that safety rules in British pits are being flouted in the drive to make the industry more profitable (1784)
8.30 CHOICE **An Englishwoman's Garden**. (Ceefax) (s) (9639)
9.00 Naked Video 2½. Highlights of the comedy sketch series (r). (7875)
9.30 CHOICE **After Margaret: The Day She Went** (75875)
10.00 After Margaret: Have I Got News For You, The Downing Street Years. The first series of this *programme came to an end in November, 1990, a* week before Mrs Thatcher resigned. In a special programme to start a new series, Angus Deayton, Paul Merton and Ian Hyslop attempt to make a connection (45146)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (438320)
11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (s) (120423). **Wales:** *Welsh Lobby*
11.45 Late Night With Conan O'Brien. Conan O'Brien is the rising new star of American chat shows (572523). **Wales:** The Larry Sanders Show 12.15am Late Night With Conan O'Brien 1.00 Weather 1.05-2.05 Snooker
12.30am Weather (8433653)
12.35 Snooker *(3068479) Ends at* ***1.50***

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CHOICE

The Day She Went
BBC2, 9.30pm

Taking his cue from what people were doing when President Kennedy was assassinated, John Pitman's film rounds up memories from another November 22. The day Mrs Thatcher resigned was particularly lucrative for *Spitting Image*'s Thatcher voice, Steve Nallon. His services were so much in demand that he found himself going from one television studio to the next, in Thatcher costume, and reckons that the Iron Lady paid his mortgage for the next three months. Pitman has also tracked down the Pimlico florist whose orders included one from Ronald Reagan. Carol Thatcher, meanwhile, was trapped in her house by the media while trying to prepare a dinner party and had to be rescued by a friend from the political left.



Star billing for comedian Les Dawson (ITV, 9.00pm)

Demob
ITV, 9.00pm

The world's worst double-act, performed with dreadful conviction by Griff Rhys Jones and Martin Clunes, *heads north for Liverpool and a modest spot on the bill* beneath the star comedian. He is a roly-poly man with a rubber face who looks exactly like Les Dawson. Indeed he is Les Dawson, and the episode is a chance to savour one of his final roles. Fans can be assured that his lines are so good he might have written them himself. Perhaps he did. Despite Dawson, *Demob* has faltered after a promising start. The situations are getting predictable and the show seems unable to decide how seriously to take itself. Amanda Redman's rounded and touching portrayal of Rhys Jones's abandoned wife only underlines the difficulty.

Plant Life: The Sensitive Plant
Channel 4, 9.00pm

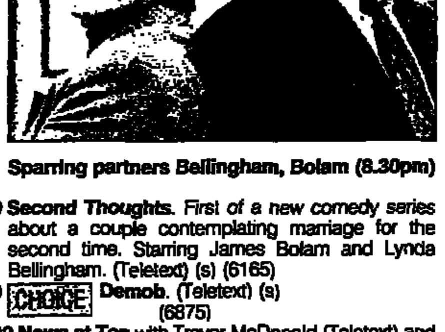
A boring title is happily no guide to content in this series on the science of gardening. The behaviour of plants is fascinating and thanks to time-lapse photography it can be savoured to the full. Featured this week are a variety of topics with little in common except that they provide excellent footage. One minute we are being shown how plants react to light and seasons. Then it is on to propagation and something called the squirting cucumber, which propels its seeds up to eight feet in the air. Plants that catch insects are another irresistible topic, with the Venus fly trap providing a spectacular climax. No wonder it fascinated Charles Darwin and he did not have modern photography to do it justice.

An Englishwoman's Garden
BBC2, 8.30pm

There is not a garden in sight as the last programme in the series tackles flower arranging. But there is no shortage of women, most of them belonging to the Yorkshire Flower Club. *"I often feel like Tommy Cooper"*, says Maureen Harrison, an expert visiting the club to pass on tips. She certainly does not look like him and her creations are very far from chaotic. The same can be said for these solid, sensible Yorkshire women. It is a pity we have to leave them for the less worthy purpose of watching the firm of Chanel *commission lavish bouquets from* Eva Gunderson, an American flower "stylist". The flowers are delivered to the fashion magazines, presumably to induce favourable copy.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6296542)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep Game show (5930691) (s) ***9.55 London Today*** *(7673591)*
10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical studio debate (s) (1658900)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (87596981) **12.20 London Today** (2774691)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (4835639)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (4916558) **1.25 Home and Away**. Tug's behaviour over Sarah's role in the musical annoys Sarah. (Teletext) (32088691) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (66579233)
2.20 ITN News headlines (55621900) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (56071441)
2.30 Capital Woman. A look at the problems of teenagers and children with Anneka Rice and Stephen Gardner (s) (417)
3.00 Take The High Road. Main is not pleased when Lynne returns in the morning (9829)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (4828813) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (1323368) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (1312252) **4.00 Astro Farm** (Teletext) (s) (2776875) **4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island**. Animated version of the classic story. *Jim has visions of the future and sees himself* as a pirate (s) (3278691) **4.40 Knightmare** (8164184)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (1975813)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) (362368)
6.00 London Tonight. The guests include Wet Wet Wet and Mary Chapin Carpenter. (Teletext) (90184)
7.00 Family Fortunes. Les Dennis hosts the fast-moving quiz show in which two families compete for prizes and a £3,000 jackpot. (s) (1610)
7.30 Coronation Street. The Platt children feel the sharp edge of Percy's tongue. (Teletext) (610)
8.00 Beadle's About First in a new series in which Jeremy Beadle plays more tricks on an unsuspecting public. (2418)



Sparring partners Bellingham, Bolam (8.30pm)

8.30 Second Thoughts. First of a new comedy series about a couple contemplating marriage for the second time. Starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham. (Teletext) (s) (6165)
9.00 CHOICE **Demob**. (Teletext) (s) (6875)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Teletext) and *weather (65900)*
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (203726)
10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips looks at the background to some of the news stories affecting London (867287)
11.10 Tour of Duty. Taylor is approaching the end of his tour and has mixed emotions about returning home (r). (698875)
12.05 Dial Midnight. Live phone-in with controversy, music and comedy (s) (1191818)
1.05am The ITV Chart Show featuring the Specials performing "Rat Race" in the *Video Vault* (2848289)
2.05 Whale On. James Whale presents late-night entertainment (2476030)
3.10 TXT. Music and celebrity chat (7628276)
4.15 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Film reviews (4719276)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (51108)
5.30 ITN Morning News (59189) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Animated adventures (r) (54455) **6.50 The Wombles**
7.00 The Big Breakfast *(63691)*
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by the comedian Bill Cosby (r) (s) (59349)
9.30 Schools. Eureka! (4499233) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (4062894) **10.02** Changing Wales (7681610) **10.23** Picture Box (2980875) **10.40** Off Limits (7801252) **11.05** Choices (2094726) **11.22** Stage One (4215691) **11.40** How we used to Live (8650691)
12.00 House to House. Maya Even with an inside view of the day's political news (62813)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning series with actress Rhea Perlman (18271)
1.30 The Bluffers Cartoon adventures of the forest-dwelling creatures (r) (72633558)
1.55 FILM: The Duke of West Point (1938, b/w) starring Louis Hayward as a Cambridge graduate whose father sends him to America to train as a soldier at West Point. However, he runs foul of the cadet Code of Honour. Directed by Alfred E. Green (29083900)
3.55 Eat Up. Is the traditional school meal a primary source of nutrition or just junk food? (r) (Teletext) (4449252)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. (Teletext) (s) (523)
5.00 Cutting Edge (r). (Teletext) (8523)
6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper. Comedy starring Mark Curry. Mark and his flatmates take a group of high school students on a camping trip with disastrous results. (Teletext) (s) (788)
6.30 Happy Days. Fifties comedy series. Fonzie pledges undying love to Ashley, but then foolishly allows a former girlfriend to stay the night in his flat. (Teletext) (368)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (771639)
7.50 First Reaction (s) (499287)
8.00 Class Action. Includes a report on the fight of a 16-year-old Suffolk girl with Downs Syndrome to go to her local school. (Teletext) (8900)
8.30 Brookside. Soap drama set in a Merseyside suburb. Katie Rogers has her eye on someone special. (Teletext) (s) (4707)
9.00 CHOICE **Plant Life: The Sensitive Plant**. (Teletext) (5271)
9.30 Cheers. American cult comedy series set in a bar. Carla's former husband wants to become her love slave (r). (Teletext) (93271)
10.00 Nurses. American medical comedy series. Gina discovers that crime does not pay. (Teletext) (s) (63542)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back to Sheena Easton (s) (449436)
11.10 Eurotrash. The final programme of this off-the-wall series, includes an interview with Paul Verhoeven, the director of *Robocop* and *Basic Instinct*, and actor Rutger Hauer, accordionist Yvette Horner and Boy George perform a duet, plus the "prostitute tour" of Berlin with working girls Laura Merid and Maxi Leftlowa (s)(694184)



Streetwise teenager Ariyan Johnson (11.45pm)

11.45 FILM: Just Another Girl on the IRT (1992) starring Ariyan Johnson as a black teenager growing up in Brooklyn. With Kevin Thigpen, Ebony Jerido and Jerard Washington. Directed by Leslie Harris (279320)
1.25am Trash Talk (r) (1331653). Ends at **1.55**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW 4.00am** Bruno Brookes with the Early Breakfast Show (**FM** only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Pete Tong's *Essential Selection* ***10.00*** *John* Peel (**FM** only from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Mark Tonderai (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Terry Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Maestro **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Simon Lowy at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programmes **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove with Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (r) **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Room 101 with Mark Lamarr **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-in **6.30** Starting Out with Terry by Jim Eldridge **7.15** The Way to Sattin Shore **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix with Miranda Rae **9.30** The Diary of a 20th-Century Vampire: See Choice **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** *News: Sport*

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The World's Policeman **8.00** News **8.10** World of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** The Tunesmiths **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** The World's Policeman **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.0** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *McSorley's Wonderful Saloon* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuelle ***5.00*** *News* ***5.05*** *Business Report* **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.25** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Short Story: *Hat* **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** News ***4.15*** *Good Books*

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Henri Litolff (Concerto Sinfonique No 3 in E flat. Michael Ponti; Berlin SO under Volker Schmidt-Gertenbach) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert. Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor Wilhelm Kempff; London SO under Josef Krips); Beethoven (Symphony No 3, Eroica. Concertgebouw Orchestra under Erich Kleiber) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Jamie Crick

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Emperor Rosko **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** *Paul Coyle*

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (66579233) **2.30-3.00** Gardening Time (417) **5.10-5.40** Travel Trails (1975813) **6.00** Home And Away (135417) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (531720) **10.30** Anglia News (294078) **10.45** Film: An Eye For An Eye (88499813) **12.40am** Coach (9676924) **1.05** Whale On (2848289) **2.05** Raw Power (3193276) **3.05** Entertainment U.K (7974721) **4.00** Get Wet (92027) **4.30** Riviera (55795108) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2890672)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (66579233) **2.30** Maternal World (417) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (9829) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (1975813) **6.00** Home And Away (135417) **6.25-7.00** Central News (531720) **10.30** Central News (203726) **10.40** Central Weekend (1882271) **12.10am** Tropical Heat (1190189) **1.10** Whale On (7793130) **2.10** The Beat (3192547) **3.10** Entertainment U.K. (7971634) **4.05** Jobfinder (2846450) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8003189)

GRANADA
As London except: 2.30-3.00 Granada Action (417) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (1975813) ***6.00*** *Home And Away (146)* **6.30** Granada Tonight (496165) **6.55-7.00** Kick Off (368558) **10.30** Granada News (203726) **10.40** Billy (867287) **11.10** The Full Monty (864813) **11.40** Beverly Hills 90210 (684558) **12.30am** Love At First Sight (7141061) **1.05** Whale On (2848289) **2.05** Raw Power (3193276) **3.05** Entertainment U.K (7974721) **4.00** Get Wet (92027) **4.30** Riviera (55795108) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2890672)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (66579233) **2.30-3.30** Highway To Heaven (34981) **6.00** HTV News & Weather (146) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (726) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (203726) **10.40** Festival 93 (567271) **11.40** Film: Secret Witness (247900) **1.05am** Whale On (2848289) **2.05** Raw Power (3193276) **3.05** Entertainment U.K (7974721) **4.00** Get Wet (92027) **4.30** Riviera (55795108) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2890672)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (146) **6.30-7.00** Get Going (726) **10.30** HTV Wales Headlines (203726) **10.40** The Mal Pope Story (567271) **11.40** The Big Story (444271) **12.10am** Married... With Children (8175504) **12.40-1.05** Billy

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (66579233) **2.30** Take The High Road (417) **3.00-3.30** Shortland Street (9829) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (90184) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (203726) **10.40** Married...With Children (867287) **11.10** Film: Murphy's Law (135252) **12.55am** Whale On (1737769) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8321127) **2.35** Raw Power (5790634) **3.35** Cue The Music (7119547) **4.30** The Art Of The Landscape (80108) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (51108)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (66579233) **2.40-3.30** Murder, She Wrote (7764184) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (747252) **6.30-7.00** Up Country (726) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (203726) **10.40** The Hidden Room (867287) **11.10** Film: The Golden Gate Murders (500417) **1.00am** Nightshift (7114276) **1.05** Whale On (2848289) **2.05** The Big E (3105011) **3.00** Film. The Wind Cannot Read (97769) **5.00** Get Wet (1478030) **5.25-5.30** Get Stuffed! (1086653)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Sullivans (66579233) **2.30** Gardener's Diary (417) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (9829) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (90184) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (203726) **10.40** Beverly Hills 90210 (544320) **11.35** Love And War (445900) **12.05am** Marquee Anniversary: Dr John And C Barber (1103653) **1.00** My Story (7114276) **1.05** Whale On (2848289) **2.05** *Raw Power (3193276)* ***3.05*** *Entertainment* U.K. (7974721) **4.00** Get Wet (92027) **4.30** Riviera (55795108) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2890672)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.40-3.30 Murder, She Wrote (7764184) **5.55** Calendar (747252) **6.30-7.00** Parish Pump (726) **10.30** Calendar News (203726) **10.40** The Hidden Room (867287) **11.10** Film: The Golden Gate Murders (500417) **1.00am** Nightshift (7114276) **1.05** Whale On (2848289) **2.05** The Big E (3105071) **3.00** Film: The Wind Cannot Read (88229189) **5.05-5.30** Get Wet (1477301)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (63691) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (59349) **9.30** Schools (843610) **12.00pm** House To House (62813) **12.30** Slot Merthrin (80707) **1.00** Bobobobs (78962) **2.00** Cynhadledd Plaid Cymru 1993 (3786) **4.00** Slot 23 (9287) **5.00** Trash Talk (6786) **5.30** Fifteen To One (875) **6.00** News (225504) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (581287) **6.25** Hano (331702) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9252) **7.30** Pelydr X (252) **8.00** Cannt O Gan (8900) **8.30** Newyddion (4707) **9.00** Sniwcer (5271) **9.30** Reith To The Nation (93271) **10.00** Brookside (63542) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (449436) **11.10** Eurotrash (694184) **11.45** Film: Just Another Girl On The IRT (279320)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Marlucci (Notturno. Op 70 No 1); C.P.E. Bach (Quartet in D, Wq94), Debussy (Two Arabesques); Anon (Li debonnaires Dieus); Strauss (Alphorn); Mozart, reconstr Levin (Symphonie Concertante)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Gounod. Roger Nichols presents *String Quartet* (Tonhalle-Quartet, Zurich); Roméo et Juliette, excerpts (sung by Elde Norena, José Carreras, Catherine Malfitano, José van Dam, Georges Thill and Germaine Feraldy
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Stephanie Hughes in Belfast. Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture, Romeo and Juliet); Stravinsky (The Fairy's Kiss); **10.50** Artist of the Week: Francis Poulenc, piano, plays music by Satie; Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F, K370), Poulenc (Concerto for Two Pianos); Stravinsky (Symphony in Three Movements)
12.00 Voices (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert, from St George's. Brandon Hill Weber (Trio in G minor, Op 63); Brahms (Piano Trio No 2 in C, Op 87)
2.00 Sir Eugene Goossens: Andrew Green presents a centenary profile of the conductor and composer Rimsky-Korsakov (Russian Easter Festival Overture, Op 36); Beethoven (Symphony No 2 in D); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1, Finale), Ravel (Rapsodie Espagnol); Gounod (Mephistopheles' Serenade, Faust); Mussorgsky (Boris' Monologue, Boris Godunov); Rossini, arr Respighi (La Boutique Fantasque excerpts)
4.00 Sarah Vivien *The soprano* performs Fauré (Après un rêve; Notre amour); Lennox Berkeley (Ode du premier jour de mai; D'un vanneur de blé au vents); Poulenc (Trois chansons de F Garcia Lorca); Bliss (Nocturne, Angels of the Mind) (r)
4.30 Songs of the Grand Duchy The New Music Ensemble of Vilnius sings and plays Lithuanian marriage and calendar songs and polyphonic "sutartines" using traditional instruments (r)
5.00 In Tune *Charles Hazelwood* introduces music, including Bach (Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 846); Borodin (In the Steppes of Central Asia); Strauss (Metamorphosen)
8.00 Great Orchestras of the World With Solveig Kringelbom, soprano, Der-Shin Hwang, mezzo and Karl Magnus Fredriksson, baritone. In the interval at **8.45** Grieg at Troldhaugen. Richard Baker visits the composer's house (r). See Choice
9.55 The Marquesa's Memoirs: The Marquesa remembers the musician Jacqueline Du Pré
10.05 Beethoven: Joaquin Achucarro performs Variations in F, Op 34; Piano Sonata in E, Op 109 (r)
10.45 Blue Skies: Repetition
11.30 Midnight Oil: Alwynne Pritchard presents musical *time travellers Sara Stowe and* Matthew Spring who perform Christopher Fox (Trümmermusik, A Berlin Diary, 1947); Michael Parsons (Songs from Skopelos) and a radio version of Andrew Hugill (Brisset Rhymes). Plus electro-acoustic sounds from François Barriere **12.30-12.35am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today; incl **6.30, 7.00,** ***7.30, 8.00, 8.30*** *News;* ***8.45*** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the disc jockey Kenny Everett (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 No Further Questions! (**FM** only): Nicholas Stewart investigates the second of six trials from the last century
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (**LW** only)
10.15 The Bible; Isaiah, Part 3
10.30 Woman's Hour from Cardiff. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25 The Food Programme: Includes the winner of *The Food Programme*'s Good Food competition **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: On the Eve. The final part of Turgenev's romantic story of love and patriotism With Amanda Root as Elena and Philip Franks as Insarov
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Your Place or Mine? In the Genes. The fourth of ten stories which cross boundaries of geography and generation. Music is the life blood of the Schenkman family
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews *Moby Dick* at Stratford and Master Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum at the Royal Academy
4.45 Short Story: The Grand Council, by Nico Orengo. Read by Hugh Dickson
5.00 PM with Hugh Sykes and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping ***5.55*** *Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin and Peter Macann explore the world of transport
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Scottish writer John McKay, *author of My Dead Dad*
8.05 Any Questions? Jill McIvor, Ombudsman for Northern Ireland; Kevin McNamara, MP, Labour Northern Ireland spokesman; and David Trimble, Ulster Unionist Home Affairs spokesman tackle the issues raised in Northern Ireland Chairman Jonathan Dimbleby
8.50 Law In Action: A weekly look at developments in the law, and how they affect our lives, by Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: On the Road. Tim Marlow talks to writers, directors, truckers and photographers in the United States and in Britain, to see what the road means to them
9.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha, by Roddy Doyle (3/8)
11.00 Week Ending, with Sally Grace, Jeffrey Holland and Toby Longworth
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

The Diary of a 20th-Century Vampire: *Radio 5, 9.30pm.*
The post-Bram Stoker degradation of the vampire began when Dracula met Abbott and Costello. It continued with the Munsters, and there is now a children's cartoon duck called Duckula, which is about as far as the degeneration process can go. Considering everything then, Joe Turner who scripted Radio 5's new comedy series, is almost a reactionary. His vampire is nothing more outrageous than a girl (Louise Lombard) whose day job is a checkout assistant in a supermarket. The fun is full-blooded in every sense of *the word.*

Great Orchestras of the World. *Radio 3, 8.00pm.*
Tonight's concert performance, live from London's Barbican Hall, has the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra playing just about every note that Grieg wrote for Ibsen's play *Peer Gynt*. It will surprise you how much more of it there is than in the familiar suite. And what of *Ibsen tonight? He is represented in scenes from his play, acted by* Alex Jennings (Peer), Janet Suzman, Gerard Murphy and Joanna Pearce. Neeme Järvi conducts this rare performance. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz.
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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (27103815) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-long (7963417) **9.10** Cartoons (6561981) **9.30** Pyramid Game (35271) **10.00** Card Sharks (6577441) **10.25** Concentration (8013610) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (3666320) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (11252) **12.00** Urban Peasant (95165) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (19287) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (34542) **2.00** Beggarman, Thief (79788) **3.00** Another World (6805691) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (5160455) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1875) **6.00** Games World (5707) **6.30** Paradise Beach (2287) **7.00** Rescue (2504) **7.30** Growing Pains (6271) **8.00** WWF Mania (51233) **9.00** Cops (22233) **9.30** Code 3 (26523) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (74184) **11.00** Streets of San Francisco (43207) **12.00** Outer Limits (82092) **1.00** Night Court (57479) **1.30-2.00am** It's Garry Shandling's Show (87108)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (8231558) **9.30** ABC Nightline (54815) **10.30** Memories of 1970-91 (86271) **11.30** Japan Business Today (99623) **12.30pm** World News and Business Report (80287) **1.30** CBS News (65788) **2.30** Parliament (87097) **3.30** The Lords (97829) **4.30** World News and Business Report (5184) **5.00** Live at Five (132833) **7.30** Critical Earth (98691) **9.30** Talkback (83691) **11.30** CBS News (88707) **12.30am** ABC News (19295) **1.30** Critical Earth (95498) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (94818) **3.30** Talkback (99363) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (24498) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (97363)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5933455)
10.00 End of the Line (1987): Comedy drama about a pair of veteran railroad employees (17875)
12.00 Namu, The Killer Whale (1966): Story of a whale and a naturalist (76691)
2.00pm The Shakiest Gun in the West (1968): A Philadelphian dentist is mistaken *for the enemy of a gang of outlaws (65436)*
4.00 The Hostage Tower (1980): Adaptation of an Alistair MacLean novel (6707)
6.00 End of the Line (as 10am) (78900)
8.00 Bonnie and Clyde: The True Story (1992). Update on the story of the famous outlaws (20057523)
9.40 US Top Ten (988962)
10.00 Revenge (1989): Kevin Costner is *attracted to his friend's wife (18831542)*
12.05am The Perfect Weapon (1991) Martial arts adventure (886276)
1.40 A Mother's Justice (1991): A woman tries to track down the man who raped her daughter (91641585)
3.55 It's Alive III: Island of the Alive (1985): Larry Cohen's cult "killer mutant baby" series(31948721) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Kiss Me Deadly (1955, b/w): Ralph Meeker plays a hardnosed detective (43252)
8.00 The Return of Sabata (1971): Lee Van Cleef is a gambler out for revenge (55097)
10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984): Freddy Krueger terrorises teenagers (74320)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am A Lawless Street (1955): Randolph Scott plays a law enforcement cowboy (36320)
8.00 Brer Rabbit: Cartoon (69875)
9.00 The New Adventures of Robin Hood: Animation (84146)
10.00 Deathtrap (1982). A failed playwright is tempted to steal a work written by a novice(15417)
12.00 Fire in the Dark (1991): Olympia Dukakis as a woman growing old (971233)
1.50pm Avalon (1990): Barry Levinson drama about a Jewish family (97660726)
4.00 Brer Rabbit (as 8am) (22287)
5.00 The New Adventures of Robin Hood (as 9am) (7813)
6.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2 *(1991): The heroes return (19455)*
7.30 Special Feature: American Comedians (1961)
8.00 Memoirs of an Invisible Man (1992): Chevy Chase stars as a rich stock analyst who becomes invisible (51287)
10.00 Blind Man's Bluff (1987): Macabre horror in which a blind sculptor's wife is a murderess (791707)
11.35 Jungle Fever (1991): Spike Lee's story of a relationship which crosses racial barriers (97703146)
1.50am On the Streets of LA (1992): A reformed murderer meets the son he walked out on 20 years previously (345769)
3.30 Julia and Julia (1987): Starring Kathleen Turner (482769). Ends at **5.10**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (2429813) **7.15** Prime Bodies (935707) **7.45** Drag Racing (934078) **8.15** Soccer News (1246691) **8.30** Tennis (58233) **9.00** Prime Bodies (72813) **9.30** Survival of the Fittest (10955) **10.00** F1 Grand Prix (57078) **11.00** Stockholm Open Tennis (1387455) **4.00pm** Boots 'n' All (62829) **5.00** Andy Gray's Boot Room (4065) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (88962) **7.00** The Big League (679097) **9.30** French Football (41900) **10.30** US PGA Golf (70287) **12.30am** Soccer Weekend (94565) **1.30-3.00** The Footballers' Football Show (33672)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (46962) **8.00** World Cup Show Jumping (30523) **9.00** NHL Ice Hockey (45894) **10.00** Figure Skating (78423) **11.30** Football World Cup Qualifiers (42639) **12.30pm** ATP Tennis (54399) **1.00** Tennis: WTA Ladies tournament (5791392) **5.30** Motorsport (50455) **8.30** News (4207) **7:00** WTA Ladies Tennis (47691) **9.00** Boxing (38815) **10.00** Figure Skating (49610) **11.30** NFL Football (14829) **12.00** News (25160) **12.30-1.00am** Eurofun (26769)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (3834504) **7.30** Neighbours (3853639) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8192829) **8.30** EastEnders (8011900) **9.00** The Bill (8002252) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (5913436) **10.30** Casualty (7872349) **11.30** Rhoda (3185320) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8099788) **12.30** Neighbours (5922542) **1.00** EastEnders (3833875) **1.30** The Bill (5921813) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (8164875) **2.30** Bread (6851558) **3.00** Dallas (3196436) **4.00** *Dynasty (3108271)* **5.00** Blankety Blank (8188455) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (6759146) **6.00** Neighbours (6852287) **6.30** EastEnders (6770639) **7.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7736542) **8.00** Are You Being Served? (8184639) **8.30** Bread (8163146) **9.00** Casualty (7732726) **10.00** The Bill (8090417) **10.30** Rory Bremner (8009165) **11.00** Top of the Pops (4978833) **11.45** Dr *Who (8965320)* ***12.15am FILM: Bodyguard*** (1948, b/w): Tense thriller with Lawrence Tierney as a former cop trying to clear his name after being accused of murder (3359295) **1.20** Video Bites **2.00-7.00am** Shopping at Night

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (40829) **7.00-11.30** RatKan II (2798320) **7.45** Pugwall's Summer (6850078) **8.30** Widget (12455) **9.00** T-Rex (196349) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (57418) **12.00** Fame (46900) **1.00pm** Captain N the Games Master (89388726) **3.25-5.00** RatKan II (89177287) **4.00** Sandokan (8829) **4.30** Runaway Bay (4813)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (43829) **7.30** Guts (59436) **8.00** Kid's Court (57504) **8.30** Wild Side Show (58875) **9.00** We All Have Tales (70455) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (32177) **10.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (18691) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (76639) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (86691) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (48813) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (98733) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (62900) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (57964) **2.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (8320) **2.30** Junior Story Time (4610) **3.00** Kablooey (7455) **3.30** Out of Control (6455) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (5962) **4.30** Hey Dude (1146) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (2900) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (5726) **6.00** Guts (2639) **6.30-7.00** Get the Picture (6691)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Birds in Australia (4180981) **4.50** Anne Martin's Postcards (84480417) **5.00** Search for Adventure (8165504) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (3000833) **6.50** Only in Hollywood (8347691) **7.00** The Arctic (8169233) **7.30** The Global Family (6787165) **8.00** Around Whicker's World (7710504) **9.00** Lord of the Bush (7730368) **10.00** Billiards (7733455) **11.00-12.00** Harold Lloyd (3841894)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (8017184) **12.30pm** FILM: Never So Few (1959) Frank Sinatra leads Burmese troops against the Japanese (75342639) **2.35** FILM: A Hill in Korea (1956, b/w): A patrol embarks on a dangerous mission (91094504) **3.50** Robert Benchley (50562436) **4.00** The Flying Nun (6754078) **4.30** My Three Sons (6753962) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8173523) **5.30** Honey West (6777542) **6.00** The Doris Day Show (6774455) **6.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (6785707) **7.00** The Mothers-in-law (8266287) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (6754691) **8.00** FILM: Pendulum (1969): A cop pursues a vicious killer (53958165) **9.45** Art Linkletter And The Kids (8160320) **10.00** FILM. The Viking Women and the Sea Serpent (1957): Viking women team up to rescue their men (64596455) **11.15** Yesteryeels (3197639) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (1491564)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (2455900) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (8541287) **8.30** Living Daylights (8640558) **9.00** Divorce Court (8551610) **9.30** Hot Topics (5090962) **10.00** Fighting Back (3310349) **10.30** Living Extra (8557894) **11.00** The Advice Shop (1310875) **11.30** Eating Out (1311504) **12.00** Practical Living (35587184) **12.15pm** Kilroy (7505691) **1.00** Crosswits (6107368) **1.30** Infatuation (5000349) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (3911078) **3.00** Agony Hour (1315320) **4.00** Crosswits (7051829) **4.30** Infatuation (7977813) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (9921349) **6.00** The Full Treatment (7965078) **6.30** Floyd on Fish (7052558) **7.00** Agony Hour (3766788) **8.00** The Young And The Restless (3775436) **9.00** FILM Dear Detective (1979): Romance with Brenda Vaccaro (70553184) **10.40** Fame, Fortune and Romance (3588184) **11.00** Divorce Court (1335184) **11.30** What's Up Dr Ruth Show (3309233) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (2419108)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Bay (7610) **5.30** The Wonder Years (5165) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (2078) **6.30** Catchphrase (9558) **7.00** *Trivial* Pursuit (4146) **7.30** All Clued Up (5542) **8.00** Snowy River: The Mcgregor Saga (57455) ***9.00*** *The Magic Moment (12694)* **10.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (93320) **11.00** The Bob Newhart Show (16610) **11.30** Newhart (82629) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (64634)

MTV
7.00am Awake on the Wild Side (693962) **10.00** Marijne Van Der Vlugt (330981) ***1.00pm*** *Greatest Hits (31078)* **2.00** VJ Simone (561504) **4.30** Coca Cola Report (8269165) **4.45** At the Movies (6257320) **5.00** News (8241829) **5.15** 3 From 1 (5032349) **5.30** Dial MTV (7523) **6.00** The Soul of MTV (4436) **6.30** Music Non-Stop (47788) **8.00** Annie Lennox Unplugged (5252) **8.30** Most Wanted (41436) **10.00** Greatest Hits (49436) **11.00** Coca Cola Report (687962) **11.15** At the Movies (800813) **11.30** News at Night (157368) **11.45** 3 From 1 (145523) **12.00** Beavis and Butt-head (89382) **12.30am** Marijne Van Der Vlugt (29858) **2.00** Chill Out Zone (60189) **3.00-7.00** Night Videos (6163740)

TV ASIA
6.00am Asian Morning (94184) **6.30** Punjabi News (7981436) **6.45** Gujarati News (3372097) **7.00** Bengali News (11829) **7.30** Hindi News (27436) **8.00** Urdu News (75310) **8.30** English News (73962) **9.30** Beatish Ke Baad (99271) **10.30** Lifestyle (57707) **11.30** Telly Talk (29184) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (10097) **12.30pm** Nukkad (21691) **1.00** Pakistani FILM (231146) **4.00** Kiddie Time (19707) **5.00-6.00** TVA *Dedicated To You (3271)* **7.00** Showtime (9436) **7.30** Sportsworld (3875) **8.00** English News (355122) **8.15** ID Youth (509900) **9.00** Hindi Movie Ram Avtaar (729726) **12.05** Sai N Live (4818818) **1.00** Hindi Movie Pyar Karke Dekho (2325872) **4.00** Meandi (61943) **5.00** Intezaar (31382) **5.30-6.00** Music (39363)

TNT
7.30pm Love Finds Andy Hardy (1938, b/w): Mickey Rooney finds himself with two girlfriends (28702813)
8.45 The Hardys Ride High (1939, b/w): The Hardys inherit a large estate (96089984)
10.20 Andy Hardy Meets a Debutante (1940, b/w): Andy is attracted to a glittering socialite (58996349)
12.05am Andy Hardy's Private Secretary (1941, b/w): Andy finds it necessary to have a social secretary. With Kathryn Grayson (35491768)
2.00 Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble (1944, b/w): Blonde twins prove distracting for Andy (26714030) Ends at **5.00**

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Ruddock cleared by video evidence

BY PETER BALL

NEIL Ruddock emerged unscathed from his encounter with the Football Association yesterday, an escape that leaves him facing a more physical examination by Wimbledon instead. The FA disciplinary committee yesterday found Ruddock not guilty of punching Mike Newell, of Blackburn Rovers, ensuring that the player will be available for the fourth round of the Coca-Cola Cup.

Ruddock was charged after the FA inspected video evidence from the match between Liverpool and Blackburn that got out of hand following a heavy tackle by Jan Molby on Kevin Gallacher. Ruddock had insisted all along that he had been acting as peacemaker and on this occasion technology came to his aid as he used video evidence in his defence, employing the freeze frame to support his case.

"We went through the video on a freeze frame and, in the light of that, the notion that Ruddock punched a Blackburn player was not proved to our satisfaction," David Bloomfield, the FA press officer, said.



Ruddock: peacemaker

The FA was in liberal mood all round yesterday, letting Pat van den Hauwe off with a warning for elbowing Shaun Newton, of Charlton Athletic, off the ball 14sec after he had come on as substitute in a match with Millwall. Afterwards, Mick McCarthy, the Millwall manager, was less complimentary about the virtues of modern technology.

"If you used videos all the time, it would undermine match officials completely," McCarthy complained. Perhaps he should talk to Ruddock.

Wimbledon's forwards can generally look after themselves, so they will be unconcerned about the Liverpool defender's escape. The meeting at Anfield is one of only three definite ties among the eight matches and undoubtedly the most emotive, recalling the 1988 FA Cup final, when Wimbledon lived up — or down — to their "Dirty Dozen" image. Ruddock and Julian Dicks, however, are likely to be less impressed by threats in the tunnel than some of Liverpool's 1988 side were, so it should be a lively night.

With five of this week's matches requiring replays, yesterday's draw leaves a lot of the other ties still hanging in the air, but it already looks to have achieved two objectives: the biggest guns have been kept apart while offering some potentially fascinating meetings.

After their dismissal of Leicester, Manchester United must wait to see whether they return to Everton, where they won 1-0 on Saturday, or go to Selhurst Park to face Wimbledon's landlords, Crystal Palace. Both provided testing, and in the case of Palace, vigorous, opposition at Wembley in the last ten years, but these days United look capable of winning on either ground.

Whoever wins the replay, Alex Ferguson was not complaining: "It's a splendid draw for us," the United manager said. "I hope it's Everton, because there will be no travel involved and there would be a great atmosphere, but if it is Palace, then we will be playing on my favourite ground."

Arsenal, the holders, will have home advantage if they win their replay at Norwich, but harder-looking opposition in Aston Villa, who these days seem a better side away from home.

Villa are not the only side to find counter-attacking and exploiting the greater room available away from home more rewarding and Tottenham Hotspur will be aware that home advantage against Blackburn may not be worth much, assuming that Blackburn prove the point at Gay Meadow in the replay with Shrewsbury. Blackburn have looked a much more formidable team on their travels and if they get through it could prove the tie of the round. The two teams get an early chance to inspect one another this Saturday, when they meet at Ewood Park.

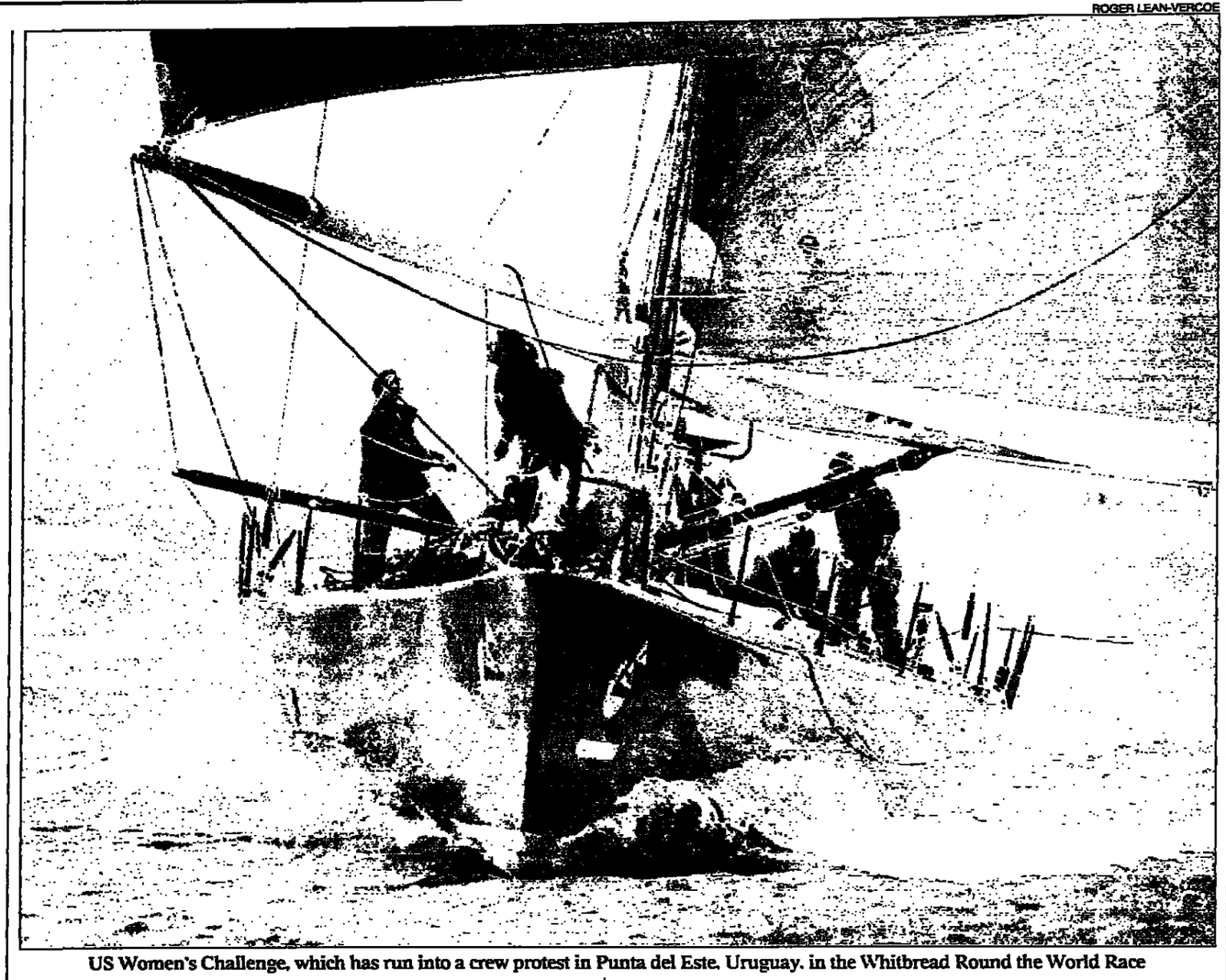
The two games that are definite with Liverpool take Manchester City to the City ground, Nottingham, and Oldham to Tranmere, both far from comfortable tasks for the Premiership teams. Tranmere knocked Oldham out of the Cup last year and Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, said: "It's an excellent chance for us to go to Merseyside seeking a bit of revenge."

FOURTH ROUND DRAW

Blackpool or Peterborough v Portsmouth
Queens Park Rangers v Middlesbrough or Sheffield Wed
Everton or Crystal Palace v Manchester United
Arsenal or Norwich City v Aston Villa
Liverpool v Wimbledon
Tottenham v Blackburn Rovers or Shrewsbury Town
Tranmere Rovers v Oldham Athletic
Nottingham Forest v Manchester City

Ties to be played on week starting November 29

ROGER LEAN-VERCOE



US Women's Challenge, which has run into a crew protest in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in the Whitbread Round the World Race

Walk-out puts skipper in troubled waters

NANCE Frank's penniless Whitbread Round the World Race entry, US Women's Challenge, ran into trouble yesterday when two leading crew members walked off the boat at Punta del Este, Uruguay, where the fleet is preparing for the next stage to Fremantle, Australia.

Lack of confidence among the crew in Frank's ability as a skipper, together with concerns on future funding, led watch-leader Mikaela von Koskull and Adrienne Cahalan, Frank's Australian navigator, to walk out after calling for changes in the leadership.

The arguments had been simmering since the yacht reached Punta del Este a week ago, more than three daysbehind the leaders, and at one point nine of Frank's crew members were considering their future.

John Julian, a spokesman for US Women's Challenge, said yesterday: "The girls have now had the chance to talk things through, and as we speak, all the others are staying on board."

Von Koskull, from Finland, is a veteran from Tracy Edwards's first all-woman entry, Maiden, in the last Whitbread race four years ago while Cahalan is a talented navigator and skiff sailor. The two were among the most experienced sailors on board and their skills will be missed on the 7,500-mile leg through the Southern Ocean to Australia.

Frank said yesterday: "I regret the loss of Mikaela and Adrienne after all their hard work, and have thanked them for their major contribution to the project. I will be naming a new watch-leader and navigator in the next two days." Frank and her one remaining watch-leader, Michele Paret, another Maiden veteran, are now looking for people they have sailed with before to replace the two. Frank has also asked the committee to allow her to increase her crew from 12 to 14.

"A greater number is needed on board as a function of strength to cope with the harsh conditions expected in the Southern Ocean and we hope the committee will see it that way," Julian said. The rules limit the 60-footers to 12 crew and even if the committee agree to the change, it will require a unanimous vote from the other skippers. It is also not certain if other crew members will leave before the race restarts on November 13.



Frank: problems

Frank's ambition to lead an all-women's crew in the Whitbread race has been dogged by controversy since she launched the project seven years ago to compete against Edwards's Maiden entry in the last race. Lack of funds then forced her to pull out immediately after the start. She returned this year with a boat chartered from Yamaha, but so far has raised little towards the $1.9 million cost of the campaign.

The project came perilously close to ending before it began when five creditors, sought to have her yacht chained to its berth until they received the $53,000 owed to them. That threat receded when lawyers for Frank pointed out that she had no title to the boat and that the only chance of getting money owed would be to compete in the race and raise more sponsorship.

Frank said at the start: "I've sunk every penny and seven years' hard work fund-raising to get to this stage."

Frank and her crew suffered considerable problems during the first 5,900-mile leg from Southampton. "Breakdowns proved the greatest handicap. We lost 63 hours sewing up the mainsail after it split three times," she said.

Yamaha, which has yet to receive its charter fee for the yacht, has offered to donate a new mainsail for the next leg and Frank has plans to buy another. "We can compete, but we are not competitive. The more money we can raise now, then the more competitive we will become," she said.

N Zealand name top line-up out of respect for rivals

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEW Zealand will pay the South and South-West Division the compliment of fielding their potential international pack in the third game of their tour at Redruth tomorrow. True, Robin Brooke might force his way in at lock if and when he is fit again but this is the experienced eight which dismantled London a week ago, in which Ian Jones makes his third appearance of the tour.

Jones was a key player against the Midlands on Tuesday, particularly in the final quarter when the result hung in the balance. The tour selectors might also wish to give him a look at Andy Blackmore in case the Bristol lock should be called up by England for his first international cap against the All Blacks next month.

The situation behind the scrum is less clear because Midlands did not permit their opposing backs any freedom. Jon Preston was harassed unmercifully behind the All Blacks' pack and he will hope for better protection tomorrow so that he can hold off the challenge at scrum half for the international place of Stu Forster.

Joining the midfield is Matthew Cooper, picked for the tour at full back but with extensive experience at centre for Waikato.

Despite the utility lable that could adhere to several of the backs, Laurie Mains, the New Zealand coach, said players had been picked as specialists "though they have the ability to play in different positions." Make of that what you will but John Timu, picked as a wing, becomes the third full back in three games, which suggests a degree of uncertainty, if no more, about the eventual wearer of the No 15 jersey.

Jeff Wilson, the young wing, also has the capacity to play full back but the task of goal-kicking will also come into the equation. Cooper has answered that demand admirably, with six out of eight against London and two out of three against the Midlands.

NEW ZEALANDERS: J Timu; J Wilson, F Bunce, M Cooper, V Tuigamala; S Bachop, J Preston; C Dowd, S Fitzpatrick, O Brown, J Joseph, S Gordon, I Jones, P Henderson, A Pene. Replacements: M Ellis, S Forster, N Hewitt, M Allen, B Larsen, Z Brooke.

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Stein joins Chelsea in £1.5m move

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GLENN Hoddle acted yesterday to try to revive Chelsea's flagging fortunes when he paid Stoke City £1.5 million for their in-form forward, Mark Stein. The move from the Potteries to the King's Road completed an eventful 24 hours for Stein, 27, who was convicted of assaulting Jim Gannon, of Stockport County, on Wednesday after an incident at a match last March.

Stein scored 33 goals for Stoke last season and has already hit 13 in 19 matches this term. It was a record good enough to persuade Chelsea to offer him a three-and-a-half-year contract at Stamford Bridge.

Stein joined Stoke from Oxford for £100,000 in November 1991 and the Oxford will make around £350,000 from the move because their deal with Stoke stipulated that they would take around 25 per cent of any future transfer fee.

Stein, who claimed in court on Wednesday that he had been racially abused by Gannon, received support today from the Professional Footballers' Association chief executive, Gordon Taylor. Stein was given a 12-month conditional discharge, but Taylor said: "We do not feel that the outcome of the case is particularly just. Mark was subjected to very unpleasant and unacceptable racial harassment." Stein is facing an FA disrepute charge for the Gannon incident.

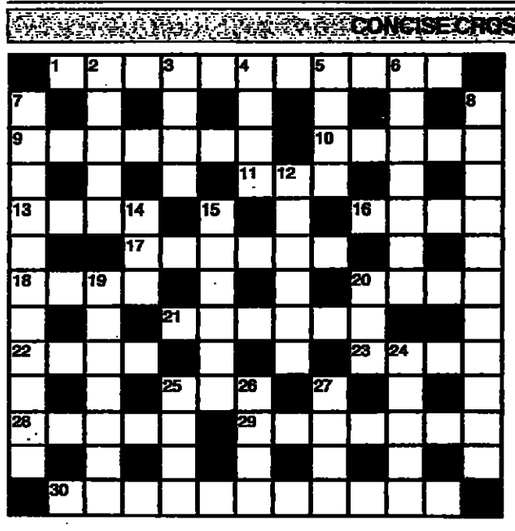
Tim Flowers, the sought-after Southampton goalkeeper, appears to have agreed to join Blackburn Rovers in a £2.4 million transfer in preference to a move to Liverpool. Flowers, 26, twice cancelled meetings with the Liverpool manager, Graeme Souness, on Wednesday and it is thought he has been offered a more lucrative deal by Blackburn.

The £1.75 million Newcastle United forward, Andy Cole, yesterday claimed that a dispute with the club's manager, Kevin Keegan, led to him missing Wednesday night's Coca-Cola Cup defeat at Wimbledon. Cole travelled to south London with his team-mates, but was absent from Selhurst Park as Newcastle lost 2-1 in the third-round tie.

"I didn't walk out on the club," Cole said. "I told the gaffer that I was homesick and I was missing my mates and my family. That's only natural, but the gaffer flew off the handle and told me he didn't want me to play. I was prepared to play. I never ever said I didn't want to play."

The £2 million transfer of Tony Daley, the Aston Villa winger, to the Italian club, Udinese, was in danger of collapse last night. Daley is due to move to Italy on November 4, the day after Villa's Uefa Cup second-round second-leg tie with Deportivo La Coruña at Villa Park, but last night, Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, confirmed the deal was now on hold after attempts by Udinese to renegotiate a loan transfer until the end of the season. "That's no good to us," Atkinson said. "Either he goes now as originally agreed, or he stays here."

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3238



ACROSS
1 Paris art museum (5,6)
9 Friendly (7)
10 Head top (5)
11 Draw off (3)
13 Thing (4)
16 Portent (4)
17 Deep narrow valley (6)
18 Hurl (4)
20 Grape remains brandy (4)
21 Scottish sheepdog (6)
22 Reduce sail area (4)
23 Period (4)
25 Join with thread (3)
28 Harmony (5)
29 Eton town boy (7)
30 Under the counter trade (5,6)

DOWN
2 Bring together (5)
3 Hamburg river (4)
4 Food allowance (4)
5 Grating noise (4)
6 Blood deficiency (7)
7 Zodiac archer sign (11)
8 Promising (2,3,6)
12 Malcolm . . ., composer (6)
14 Married woman (3)
15 Elite Greek soldier (6)
19 Particular (7)
20 Encountered (3)
24 Invest (5)
25 Sound-picture merger (4)
26 Silk, earth creature (4)
27 Box lightly (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 3237

ACROSS: 1 Fetish 6 Gremlin 8 En route 9 Tuscany 10 Hovel 11 Icon 12 Deed 15 Dope 17 Heap 19 Avoid 20 Mezuzah 22 Epitome 23 Pilsner 24 Classy

DOWN: 1 Freehold 2 Thrive 3 Squalid 4 Less 5 Please 6 Get together 7 Nay 13 Drudgery 14 Spaniel 16 Puzzle 18 Porous 20 Mop 21 Zone

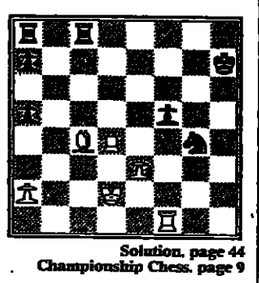
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Watch out for part eight of the history of the world championship in next Saturday's magazine, when we see Kasparov in action against his old rival Karpov.



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

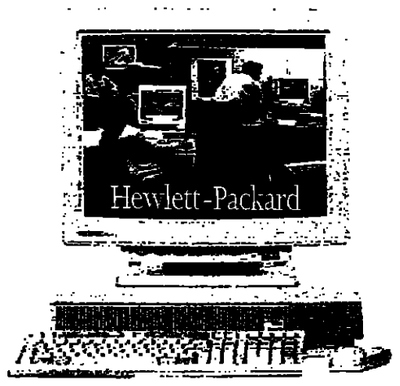
SENESCHAL
a. A Palestinian Elder
b. The autumn equinox
c. A major-domo

SMEW
a. Scotch mist
b. A litter of kittens
c. A small merganser

FORFEX
a. An anti-logarithm
b. An apotropaic exclamation
c. A pair of nail scissors

GOSSOON
a. A Canada gosling
b. A young lad
c. A Bayeux tapestry stitch

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